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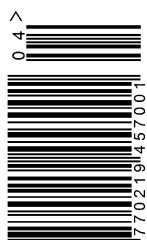
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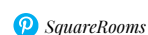
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Also, if you've always wondered what a house furnished with online finds looks like (hint: stunning), turn to our Web Culture section to take a tour of real homes. We've listed local indie shopping sites to check out too. They're great places to hunt down unique finds that don't pop up in every home. Once you've come around to the idea of buying tricky items like sofas and dining sets online—don't worry, we have plenty of tips—you'll never look at furniture shopping the same way again.

If you like what you see in this issue, don't forget to hop onto our webpage and social media sites for more ideas and to join our team as we attend launches and discover inspiring sights.

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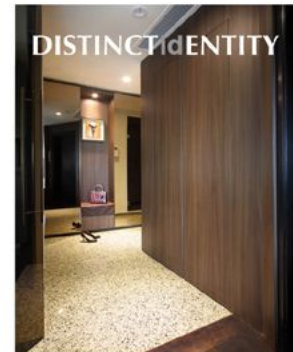
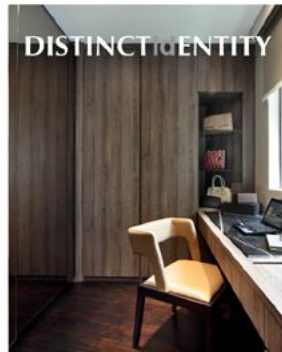
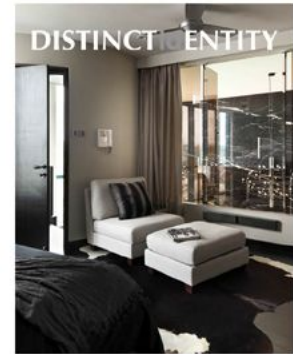
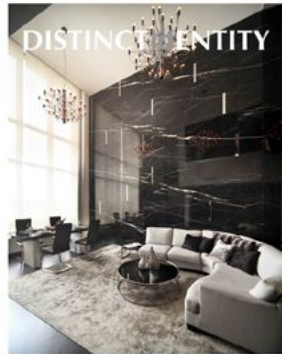
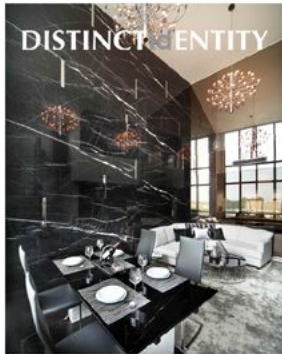
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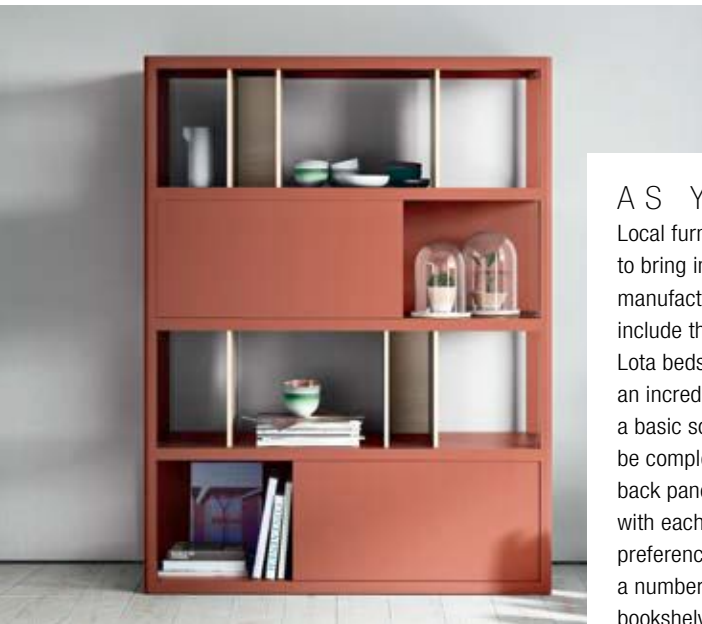
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Local furniture retailer Grafunkt is set to bring in new items from Spanish manufacturer Treku this month. These include the Aura collection of sideboards, Lota beds, and the Kai collection. Kai is an incredibly versatile range. It is primarily a basic solid wood structure that can be completed with components such as back panels, drawers, doors, and shelves, with each customisable according to your preferences. The finished product can take a number of configurations, ranging from bookshelves to TV consoles.



CLEARING THE AIR

Largely known for its vacuum cleaners and fans, Dyson recently introduced Pure Cool (\$999), marking the brand's first venture into air purifiers. What's literally cool about it is that it also doubles as a fan—so you are essentially getting a dual-purpose device. Here's how it works: air first travels through the 360° Glass HEPA filter at slow speeds to trap even minuscule 0.1 particle matter specks. Clean air is then expelled back out. The machine features a very clean design, pivoting only at its base so it doesn't take up much room. The only downside is that the filter (\$79) needs to be changed twice yearly. But don't worry, the process is fairly straightforward. Just unclip the top, slip out the filter, replace it, and you're good to go.

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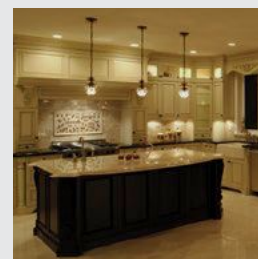
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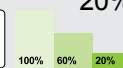
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Stemming from the belief that street art belongs in people's homes as well, 12 street artists from around the world were invited to create posters for IKEA. The collection is limited edition and there won't be reprints once the images are sold out. Each differs in style, reflecting the artist's flair and personality through techniques like fine drawing, stencilling and even digital design.



UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE

A new luxury furniture collection is now retailing at Space Furniture. Designed by architect Soo K. Chan, the range includes pieces like a bed, coffee table and armchair. It features contemporary yet elegant designs, reflecting Soo's design aesthetics. The table and chair were first made for the upmarket Soori High Line, a project in New York developed by SCDA Architects, where Soo is founding principal and design director.

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SURPRISE *find*

Tucked away in a charming neighbourhood, D'Life Bistro & Cafe makes mealtimes a happy affair with its hearty vegetarian cuisine and laidback decor

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Walking into Commonwealth Crescent is like stepping through a time warp. Retro bakeries and hairdressing salons still operate in the neighbourhood, and it seems not much has changed since the '70s when the place was first developed. But despite keeping a low profile, its friendly denizens and proximity to town (it's just 7km from the heart of Orchard Road) are drawing interest to this compact enclave. In fact, it was precisely for these reasons that the three owners of D'Life decided to set up the lacto-ovo vegetarian eatery here.



Cheery lights offer a warm welcome.



The sunny enclosed patio is cool yet lets you enjoy the surrounding sights.



Assam Laksa

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

The space used to house a dingy coffee shop, but after a complete gut job by Zinc Tan of Mint & Pistachio Home (who's also a partner), it now looks like a hip and fun eatery with marquee lighting, mismatched furniture and colourful wallpaper.

The initial idea was to have an industrial look that's heavy on black, metal and glass, but Zinc wanted to contrast the theme with typically feminine elements like flowers, cushions and touches of pink to add more originality and cosiness to the place. She was also keen on using recycled materials for their rustic quality. The table number stands were cut from old wood beams from the ceiling, and even



Spicy Tofu

her workspace at the back, where she sells and offers consultations for wallpaper and paint, was made with slats from an old bed.

During the renovation period, members of the close-knit community would often drop by to say “hi”, and when the eatery opened in

February this year, many of those familiar faces returned and became regular customers.

UNEXPECTED FARE

The place might be done up like a coffee house, but it actually specialises in meat-free Zi Char (local Chinese stir-fry) and Western cuisine. There are also a few vegan options available.

You can’t go wrong with hot, fragrant and tasty picks like the assam laksa, spicy tofu, aglio olio or assortment of fried rice—we even spotted a customer who comes in daily for the sambal petai fried rice. Dessert is a must too. The creamy vegan sea salt gula melaka attap seed ice cream gets the sweet-savoury balance just right and it is totally addictive.

Unlike most cafes that charge exorbitant prices, there’s no need to make your visits here an occasional indulgence. Prices start from just \$4 for a simple fried rice and go up to a reasonable \$16 for a yam ring. Round up your pals and have a filling tasty meal that’s also easy on the pocket.



Before



The industrial style plays surprisingly well with colour.



In this corner, Zinc sells zero-VOC paints and wallpaper from brands like MissPrint and Mini Moderns.



Funky tap hooks outside the bathroom.

“I like to go against the norm and try different things with design.”

Zinc Tan, designer of D'Life Bistro & Cafe

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Creature Comforts

Small and cosy cafes might have their charm, but a roomy one can feel more comfortable and still give off the same homey vibe. At 5 Little Monkeys, there is not only plenty of space to breathe, you'll even get to choose between dining at long communal tables or snuggling up at the plush wingback armchairs and sofas. They serve up a range of western, fusion and Peranakan delights including chicken curries and gourmet burgers. For lighter bites, go for their Instagram-worthy salads, or the pumpkin soups that are made from scratch.

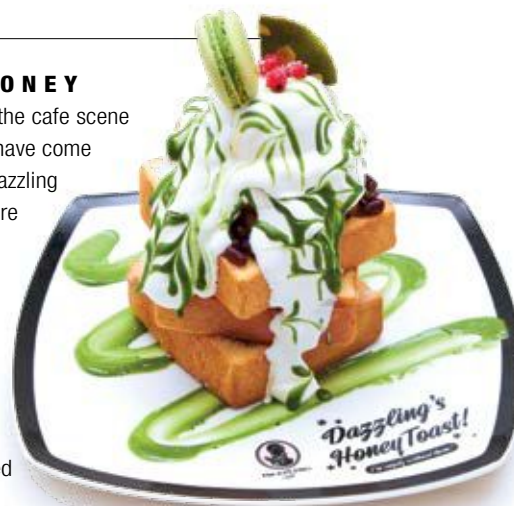
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SWEET AS HONEY

If you're familiar with the cafe scene in Taiwan, you would have come across the ultra-hip Dazzling Cafe and their signature honey toast. Now you won't have to travel far to get your sweet fix, as the cafe is set to open an outlet on our sunny shores this month. The honey toast is typically topped with ingredients such as strawberries, custards, pistachios and a scoop of Haagen Daaz ice cream. But it's not just all about desserts, as the menu includes their popular cream-based Mentaiko pasta as well.

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KNAKORN KACHACHEEWA, *award-winning Thai artist*

Honoured in both the Thai and international art scenes, Knakorn recently had his first exhibition here at the Ode to Art gallery. His paintings combine Eastern and Western influences, using colour blocking and constant contrast to create works that draw your eye to every detail

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying PHOTOS Ode to Art gallery



HIS STYLE The artist describes his work as between surrealism and pop art

How did your interest in art and painting start?

My father studied art, even though he's not an artist. I was influenced by his love for it, and as a child and young man I loved to draw.

What are your favourite subjects to paint?

Many Thai artists like to focus on important events and topics that are big for the country. However, I am inspired by smaller, more personal things like relationships with my family, parents, friends, love, broken-heartedness, etcetera. They affect me more and make a deeper impression. I want my paintings to be full of life with different

elements to describe the stories in each layer. When you look at them, you can see people talking with each other so that they narrate a story that engages the viewer in a personal way.

How long does it take you to complete one piece of work?

This collection of 10 pieces took three years in all. On average each piece

took about a month. I am a professor, husband and father, so I teach printing four days a week for about four to five hours a day. Before and after teaching, I try to paint, averaging about six hours a day.

Where do you like to paint?

I have a small studio at home, which is on the same compound as my house.

What's your top tip for choosing art?

I personally prefer works that have stories behind them. Art speaks to each person differently. I'd made recommendations in the past and they



HAVING FUN Knakorn is attracted to fantasy themes as they are more playful and colourful

were met with disagreement, so I don't do that any more! (laughs)

What do you like to do for fun?

For art, I love to collect photos and transfer them into drawings. I also love sports.

Who are the artistes you look up to?

I enjoy a wide range of art, from the contemporary to classics. This includes works by American and European masters over the decades. A couple of favorites that come to mind are David Hockney and Marc Chagall.



LOCK SOLUTIONS



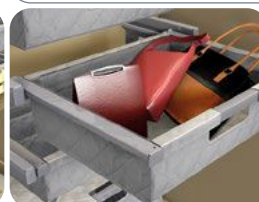
PULL OUT DRAWER TABLES



COPLANNAR SLIDING DOOR SOLUTIONS



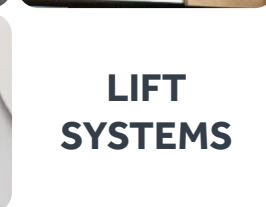
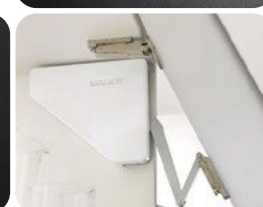
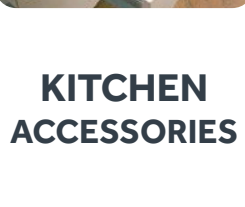
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DREW AND JONATHAN SCOTT, HGTV stars

The HGTV channel just debuted here, but we're already huge fans of these dashing twins. Catch them on Buying & Selling, where they help families sell their place for top dollar and find the next great purchase

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying PHOTOS Scripps Networks Interactive



Both of you got into property while still students. What sparked your interest in it?

Drew: We were both in film and TV but we wanted a way to create our own films later on. We read every book there was about property and bought our first place when we were 18 for \$200,000. We sold it off later and made a profit of \$50,000!

If buyers are looking for property with the best value, what's most important? Price, location, layout or size?

Jonathan: It's a combination, but I would say get the ugliest house on the nicest street, if the price is right. You can do a lot with improving the aesthetics but there are things you can't change, like the location or lot size.

How would you describe your design styles?

J: I like the elegant eclectic look with unusual details that give the space character.

D: Mine is rustically modern. I like to infuse traditional pieces and elements like reclaimed wood into the space to give it charm and warmth.

Do you have tips for negotiating the best deal on houses?

D: Yes, work with a professional because buyers tend to get emotionally attached to houses. The experts will do the negotiating for you to get the best price, but I would say interview several agents before getting one you feel comfortable with. **J:** I would also add that if you're getting a fixer-upper, you should get a contractor to come in and quote so you know what's possible and how much everything will cost before you put in an offer.

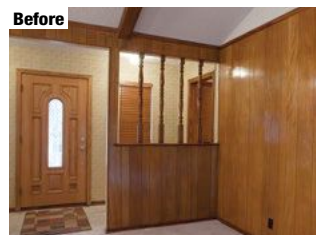
Many home reno shows make it seem fun to get hands on, but what's best left to experts?

D: Anything to do with plumbing or that's structural or electrical, and if you have to ask, "Hmm, is this a load-bearing wall?", you should probably bring in an expert for that.

You have a super cool house in Las Vegas with a two-storey water slide. Where's your favourite place to hang out at home?

D: The game area where we have a wet bar, pool table and vintage arcade with a pinball machine. **J:** I like to hang out in the pool where we have a bar you can swim up to and a 15-foot screen to watch shows.

Catch Buying & Selling every Sunday at 9pm on HGTV (StarHub channel 437)



WORKING THEIR MAGIC
Updating a dated entryway for modern times!



GETTING HANDS ON
Jonathan shares plenty of DIY tips on the show

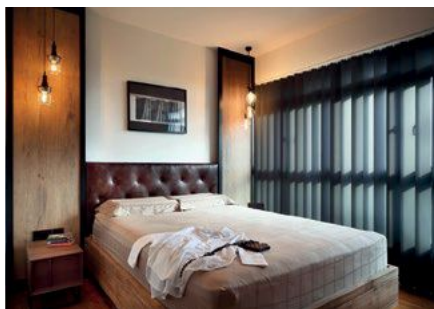


DREAM DINING
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DESIGN EQUATIONS

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BRINGING THE PAST *into the future*

A new brand with a long history, Bynd Artisan is revitalising the local bookmaking business with workshops and stylish offerings

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying **PHOTOGRAPHY** Masano Kawana commissioned by &Larry, and Edwin Tan of Lumina



A lot has changed since 1945, when homegrown Grandluxe began as a bookbinding business. It started with hand-stitched notebooks, but its inventory now includes colourful stationery and corporate gifts under its burgeoning stable of brands. Taking a decidedly upmarket route, Bynd Artisan is the group's latest venture, spearheaded by James Quan and his wife, Winnie Chan, whose grandfather created Grandluxe. Its aim: to shine the spotlight on the company's craftsmanship and pander to Singaporeans' growing love for all things artisanal.

Specialising in quality handmade paper stationery and small leather goods, the brand also offers several additional services geared towards getting a generation of tech-addicted youngsters interested in tactile products again.

Once a week, customers can go for workshops in notebook or leather cardholder making. These are conducted by Bynd Artisan's craftsmen, some of whom have been with the company for more than 40 years. Consumers can also choose to create one-of-a-kind notebooks on the spot, customised with monograms and an assortment of hues and closures. The quarterly designer collections with local talents is yet another thing to look forward to. Larry Peh of &Larry, who was recently lauded Designer of the Year at the 2014 President's Design Award, came up with the first collaboration. He is also the brand and design consultant for Bynd Artisan.

Tasked with designing the label's flagship store, which is housed within the existing Grandluxe premises at Boon Lay, Larry roped in Cherin Tan of interior design firm LAANK to collaborate on the architectural space planning, decor and materialisation of the atelier. The owners had initially wanted something raw and industrial, similar to hipster cafes, but the design duo convinced them to try a new riff on the theme.



They pitched the idea of “the new framing the old”, where parts of the old workshop would be encapsulated within the new space, letting visitors experience the company’s heritage while appreciating its new spirit.

The designers kept the factory’s original brick walls and ceiling beams, juxtaposing old furniture and a letterpress machine against rose gold shelving and piping to add a sense of luxury and modernity to the place.

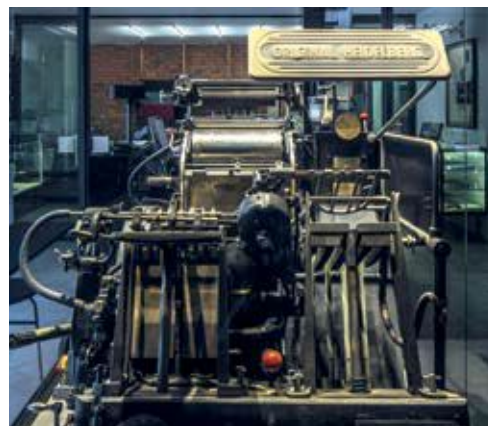
One of the biggest challenges for Cherin and Larry was demarcating the different areas within the 1,600-square foot open-concept space. Inspired by scaffolding, they decided to use copper poles to carve out pockets for the reception, cafe counter, gift-wrapping station, event and retail zones. They also enclosed a massive Heidelberg printing machine in glass, using it as a centrepiece to further strengthen the break between the main spaces.

From the outside, the shop looks sharp and gloriously modern with its black and sleek exterior and abundance of glass. Set against the rows of grungy no-frills workshops, Bynd Artisan certainly stands out like “an oasis amidst the factories”, as James calls it. Then again, this dynamic new business was never meant to blend in.



“ It’s quite surreal having that Heidelberg showcase in the shop. It feels like time has stood still within its glass frame while we evolve around it. ”

James Quan, co-founder of Bynd Artisan



INSIDE STORY

- Since launching their flagship store, Bynd Artisan has opened another branch at Tangs Orchard level four.
- According to James, the craftsmen were initially shy about working in a retail space with customers watching them, but they’ve since overcome their inhibitions and have fearlessly ventured into the brand’s outposts in the city.
- After the collaboration with Larry Peh, the label worked with sketch artist and educator Erwin Lian to launch The Perfect Sketchbook. Up next are capsule collections by photographer John Clang and singer/songwriter Gentle Bones.

1. Bynd Artisan products are so well crafted they look like high-end goods.

2. The dark exterior contrasts starkly against the bright decor inside.

3. Everything is nicely spread out so you can appreciate each piece properly.

4. Materials are carefully inspected for quality.

5. The skilled artisans can put together customised notebooks in minutes.

Located at
2 Chin Bee Avenue
tel: 6267 5066
www.byndartisan.com

PASSIONATE *nostalgia*

The Red House is set to revive a longstanding Katong landmark, bringing back its heritage with shophouse conservations and the restoration of an iconic traditional bakery

TEXT Ho Pei Ying IMAGES COURTESY OF Warees Investments Pte Ltd



“We expect to see small families, DINKs, young professionals, retirees, heritage property enthusiasts, and individuals who have a strong sense of nostalgia staying here.”

Warees Investments Pte Ltd



PROPERTY NAME

The Red House

DEVELOPER

Warees Investments Pte Ltd

ARCHITECT

SH Lim Architects Pte Ltd

INTERIOR DESIGNER

AWP Pte Ltd

LOCATION

East Coast Road, Singapore

ESTIMATED TOP DATE

30 June 2016

TENURE

99-year leasehold from 6 January 2012

NUMBER OF UNITS

42

SIZE (SQUARE FEET)

From 441 to 1,206

CONCEPT

Folks who grew up in the east might remember Katong Bakery & Confectionary, otherwise known as The Red House Bakery. So named because of its striking red facade, the two-storey bakery was first established in the 1920s and was famous for its Swiss rolls and curry puffs. The confectionary eventually closed down in 2003 and many have since lamented its loss, so it was with some excitement that developer Warees Investment announced the development of a mixed-use project that involves the restoration of the old structure.

While the traditional bakery will not be returning, a commercial unit is set aside for use as a bakery to pay homage to the site's history. The project will not only result in the conservation of the shophouse, but also five others adjacent to it. A five-level tower will sit behind the shophouses, decked out in details such as clay roof tiles that will allow the block to blend in visually.

ACCESSIBILITY

Katong is known for its rich heritage, all of which is closely tied to the Peranakan culture. But it is perhaps more

commonly appreciated as a food haven. From hipster cafes to traditional coffee houses, there are endless food options here. Within walking distance is Parkway Parade and I12 Katong, while the close proximity to the city via the ECP is a major plus.

LIVING STYLES

There are three unit types: lofts, suites and residences. The loft units—located on top of the old bakery—are two storeys and one bedroom each. The suites, atop the rest of the shophouses, come in either open-plan studios or cosy one-bedroom options. For bigger families, residences at the new tower comprise extensive two-storey maisonette penthouses, with their largest offering being a 1,206-square foot space.

The exteriors exude old-fashioned charm as many of the original windows, doors, balustrades, and balconies will be conserved and restored. The interiors however, are set to be modern and chic thanks to stainless steel built-in kitchen appliances and marble flooring in the living and dining areas.

Visit www.theredhouse.sg or call 6883 1114 for more information



THE GREAT PRETENDERS

In today's interiors, not everything is what it seems. These surface materials may not be the real McCoys, but they look, and sometimes feel, just like their originals—minus all the drawbacks, of course

TEXT Ho Pei Ying STYLING Biona Boon
PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh, unless otherwise stated

Clockwise from left
Octogono Variette Sombra
by Vives Ceramica, Geo Es
Grigio by Geostone, Ot
Silver, Cow, Hexatile Gris
Mate, all from Hafary

Background
Metal Style 03 by
Styletech from Hafary



STYLE



Background
White, Greige,
Gainsboro and
Ash by Formwork,
all from Hafary

Foreground
Greige (Vint. Greige),
Multicolour Random
ESP02RT by My Space,
Walnut Moka by Old_
Wood, N-Oak BG103Nt/
Sq, Multicolour Random
ESP02RT by My Space,
all from Hafary



TILES

These are easy to maintain, especially if you pick the homogenous types that have uniform colouring from surface to base, making chips less obvious. Tiles will always have joining lines, but other than that, using them can be very advantageous.

If you've always wanted wood flooring in wet areas of your home like bathrooms and kitchens, look no further than to wood tiles, which are water resistant. They come in planks so they can be laid out to look just like real wood. Another good option is the hexagon tile, which was widespread in the '20s and '30s, but is gaining major traction again. If you want to recreate a vintage look, these six-sided pieces are your best bet, but depending on the colour and pattern, they can look very modern and chic too.

tip!

Tiles come in a wide variety of designs and finishes these days, including some that mimic faux fur and leather! Start browsing early so you know what your options are.



Laminate surfaces can sometimes be embossed to increase their tactile authenticity. Laminate specialist Lamitak has a special piece that emulates the look of metal, but what's really surprising is that the material is brushed over with real metal in powdered form so it feels almost like the real thing.

- 1 Cafe Fustian,
- 2 Brushed Bronze,
- 3 Brandon Pashley,
- 4 Rowan Faux Denim,
- 5 Copper Patina,
- 6 Labyrinth Gloss,
- 7 Silver Ingots, all from Lamitak

Background
8163 tiles by Heart of Stone from Hafary



LAMINATES

A hugely popular surface material, laminates can take on the physical appearance of any existing material including patterned cloth, leather, granite, marble or concrete. They can't bend too much, but they're a great go-to material if you don't want to splurge on the real thing. In Singapore, people like laminates for their ability to look like real wood without the hassle of taking care of them.



Clockwise from top left
Bleached Wenge,
Linea Dark, Black
Stone, Frosted Jade,
Aluminium Crush,
Couture Wood, all
from Formica

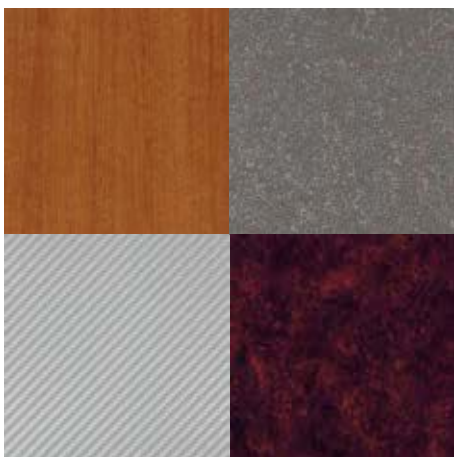


DI-NOC

Introduced to the local market slightly over a decade ago, DI-NOC by 3M are self-adhesive vinyl films created via a process that joins hundreds of micro-layers of film together to produce the finished product. Just like laminates, they come in a wide array of designs but with the added bonus of being very flexible, so they can be moulded around compound shapes and curved surfaces using a heating element such as a heat gun. The applied heat expands the film so that it stretches and conforms to these rounded profiles.

On right
GE-923

**Clockwise from
top left (below)**
FW231, PG189, FA592,
CA418, all from 3M



tip!

The application of DI-NOC is best left to a professional, as they require a certain level of skill. Jestac Pte Ltd, the sole Singapore distributor for DI-NOC, has a team of trained applicators who can do the job for you.



STYLE

Clockwise from top

Caesarstone Calacatta Nuvo 5131, Caesarstone Ocean Foam 6141, Silestone Expo Grey, Caesarstone Vanilla Noir 5100, Dekton Sirius Solid Collection from Cosentino, Silestone Platinum Carbono, Dekton Sirocco Natural Collection from Cosentino, Caesarstone Blanco Drift 6131, Silestone Capri Limestone, Silestone Platinum Chrome, Dekton Danae Natural Collection from Cosentino, Silestone White Platinum

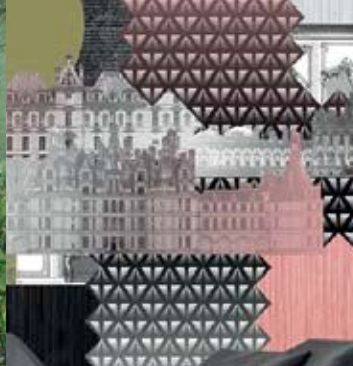
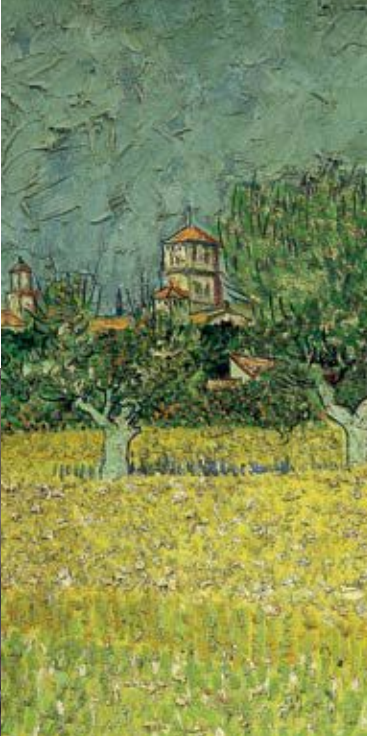
tip!

Quartz surfaces require little maintenance because unlike natural stones, they don't require periodic sealant application. But they are not indestructible, so always clean up your spills immediately. Also, take note that over-exposure to direct sunlight may cause your quartz surface to discolour over time.



COMPRESSED QUARTZ

They can look just like natural stone, with vein and grain patterns similar to those in marble or granite, just without all the extra responsibilities and steep cost. Quartz surfaces are in fact resin-based materials made up of stone aggregates that comprise not only natural quartz minerals, but also things like metals, shells or glass, all bonded together with an adhesive. They are a good alternative to natural stones because they are non-porous and much sturdier, therefore more resistant to stains and scratches. We typically see them on kitchen countertops and bathroom vanities, but they can actually be used on different surfaces like flooring and walls or as custom-made furniture.



WALLCOVERINGS

They come in a multitude of styles that range from graphic prints to real-life scenes and landscapes. Some companies even let you print your own designs or photos! Wallcoverings come in all sorts of materials that can include cork, leather or fabric. Some lie flat while others are three-dimensional. Imperial carries a variety of acoustical panels called Soundscape that not only serve the purpose of confining sounds within a single space, but also look just as good on your walls.



Clockwise from above
ZN008-2 from ArtWall,
Rusty Filing from
Cluster-Cluster, Van
Gogh from Goodrich,
Marshall Dimension
from Cluster-Cluster,
COLORS_UH8802-1
from Wall Affairs,
DAON_2149-1 from
Wall Affairs, Rain from
Wallpaper Collective



More often than not, we tend to associate wallcoverings with wallpaper. Nowadays, retailers here and elsewhere are carrying those made from vinyl rather than paper because they are more durable and resistant to humidity. But regardless of material, a good surface prep will ensure your wallpaper goes a long way.

STYLE+

**VP GLOBE
SUSPENSION LAMP**
from \$3,880 at
Space Furniture



LOTO W CHAIR
\$828 at XZQT

MATERIAL WORLD

What your furniture is made of
can dramatically influence the
appearance of your home. Here, we
present two main categories that
result in very different looks

TEXT & COORDINATION Ho Pei Ying

*clear
plastic*



BLOOM CHAIR
\$569 at XZQT



**PYRAMID
DRAWERS**
\$6,617 at Dream



**VESPA
BARSTOOL**
\$170.13 at
Comfort Design



**DOVE BASKET
(WITH FOUR
CASTORS)**
\$179 at XTRA

metal

GUBI TROLLEY
\$1,222 at Danish Design



WIRE TABLE LAMP
\$1,260 at
Space Furniture

BLOCK STOOL
\$248 at Lifestorey



MAN - MADE

There are near endless options when it comes to furnishings built using synthetic materials. These three are some of the best to inspire modern, stylish living

BULB FICTION LIGHTS
\$179 each at Danish Design



glass

VALENTINOX TABLE
available for indent
order at XZQT



GLAM GLASS TABLE
\$4,598 at XZQT



KETTLE TEAPOT
\$115 at Grafunkit





**BELL 95
SUSPENSION
LAMP**
\$1,090 at XTRA

N A T U R A L

Made from things present in Mother Nature, these will introduce an organic element to your home. Opt for more uncommon materials if you're looking to go au naturel



YODA CHAIRS
\$1,688 each
at Dream



BRUNO LIDDED BASKET
\$139.95 at Crate & Barrel



**PAPER CLIP
RATTAN STOOL**
\$139 for four at
Lifestorey

*bamboo
& rattan*



GALANG FLOOR VASE
\$99.95 at Crate & Barrel



**FRENCH KITCHEN
MARBLE UTENSIL
HOLDER**
\$43.95 at Crate & Barrel

**CRAFT MILLS
SALT & PEPPER
GRINDERS**
\$150-\$230 at Dream

marble



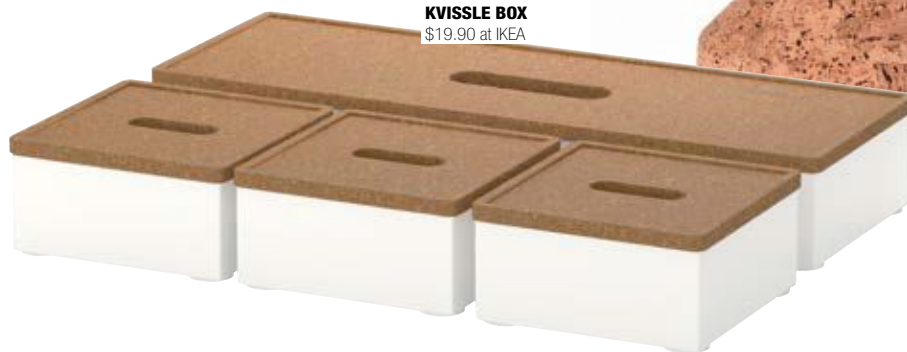
194 9 TABLES
\$2,800-\$4,688
at Dream



**FLY LOUNGE TABLE
(SQUARE)**
\$3,985 at Grafunkt

cork

**CORK FAMILY
STOOL**
\$675 at Space
Furniture



KVISSLE BOX
\$19.90 at IKEA



**CROP CIRCLES
TRIVETS**
\$48 each at EAMY Living



NOMU TEAPOT
\$150 at EAMY Living

SHOP

ALL DRESSED UP

Gorgeous drapes to
beautify every room

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying

STYLING Nicco Lim assisted by Neo Aik Sing

PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

From left
Murruta net curtains,
\$39.90 a pair from
IKEA, Anju curtain panel,
\$69.95, Teramo curtain
panel, \$159.95, both
from Crate & Barrel,
Pasadena by Pierre Frey,
price upon application
from Romanez

SUNNY EASE

*Create a relaxing vibe
with breezy sheers and
warm mellow tones*



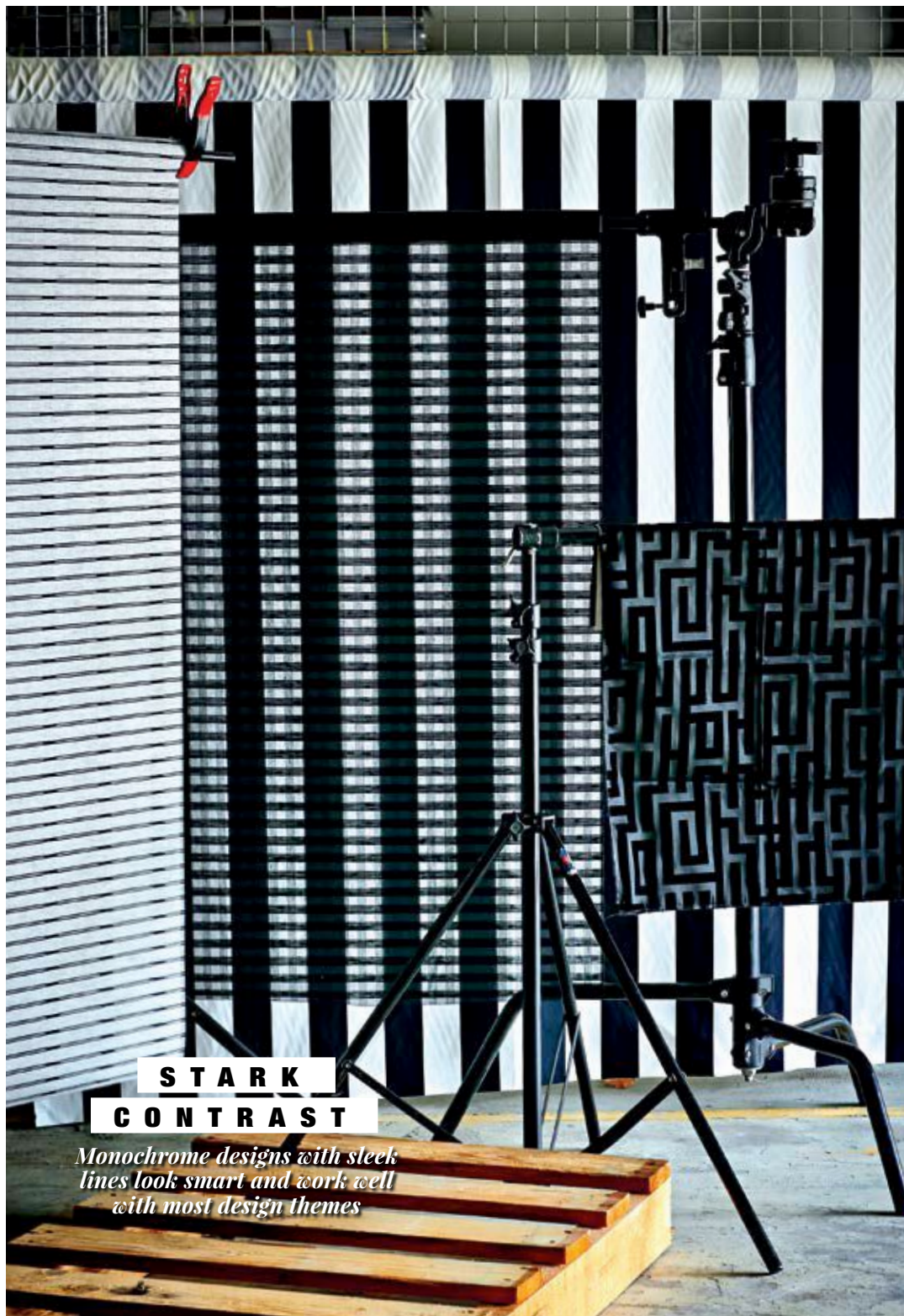
SHOP

S E R E N E
S C E N E S

Painterly strokes and a cool palette play off each other for a look that's free-spirited yet elegant

Front to back
Leo in noir by Pierre Frey, Shanghai Garden in Violet by Designers Guild, both prices upon application from Romanez, Sanela thick velvet curtains, \$129 a pair from IKEA, Mokuren in Indigo by Designers Guild, price upon application from Romanez

DANGER-KEP
危險，請
BAHAYA, JANGAN



**STARK
CONTRAST**

*Monochrome designs with sleek
lines look smart and work well
with most design themes*

From left Lappljung panel curtain, \$25.90, Ingamaj panel curtain, \$25.90, both from IKEA, black striped curtain, embossed velvet curtain, both prices upon application from Danovel



1

BONDED FOR LIFE

By pouring molten cast aluminium over tree trunks, Israeli designer Hilla Shamia creates beautiful one-of-a-kind pieces. Singed by the hot liquid metal, the edges of the wood are dark and smoky while organic streaks of aluminium run through its crevices.

Hilla Shamia Wood Casting collection at Hilla Shamia

SURPRISING WAYS TO USE MATERIALS

**Break out of conventional design to
add a fresh element to your house**

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying



2

LOFTY ASPIRATIONS
Create the airy, high-ceilinged look by accenting a sloped roof with coloured tiles to draw eyes upward.

Porcelain Wood Effect Tiles from the Artist Palette range (available in 60 colours). \$189-\$483/m² (£90-£230/m²) at Stone & Ceramic Warehouse

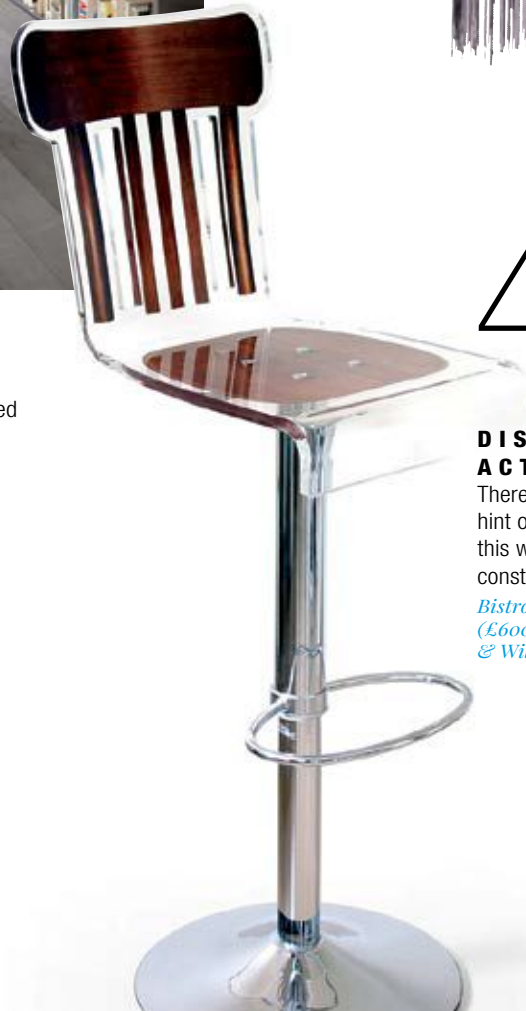


3

SPLENDID BEAUTY

The layers of inky chains hide the lights slightly for a mysterious vibe, adding drama and originality to this three-tiered chandelier.

Gothic Chain Tower Chandelier, \$2,303 (£1,103) at Sweetpea & Willow



4

DISAPPEARING ACT

There's just the barest hint of a bar stool with this wood and acrylic construct.

Bistro Bar Stool, \$1,258 (£600) at Sweetpea & Willow

SOLUTIONS



SIMPLE IDEA

Sleek and stylish, this paper holder is essentially put together with just a pipe and leather string.

Kitchen Paper Holder, \$52.70 (€36) at Bloomingville



7

SWEET REFLECTION

See yourself in a different light with this rosy-hued copper mirror.

Hexagonal Copper Wall Mirror, \$57.55 (€38) at Bloomingville

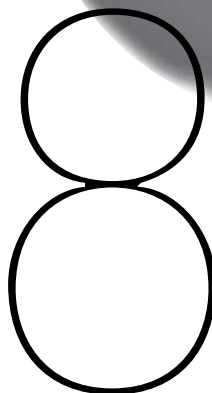


6

HARDY ALL-ROUNDER

Cork flooring retains its shape and elasticity no matter what you put on it or how often it's stepped on. It's also a good sound insulator and fire retardant.

Cork Flooring from Urbane Living, \$76.40/m² (£36.51/m²)



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Two halves of Chinese and European bone china are refined by hand and brought together in this delightful meeting of East and West.

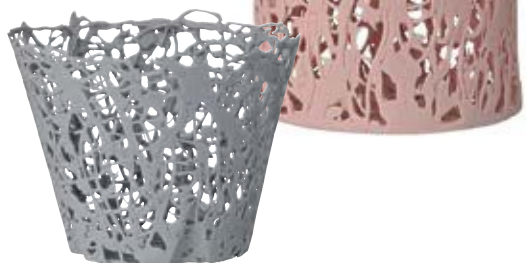
Seletti Hybrid Collection designed by CTRLZAK, \$43.50-\$245.50 at HipVan

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DELICATE BEAUTY

These votives look like they're made of string or wax, but they're actually created with porcelain.

Laced votives, \$27.25-\$49.95 (€18-€33) at Bloomingville



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TIES THAT BIND

Pliable, adjustable and infinitely useful, Velcro strips can be shaped into unique forms like this lampshade.

Face to Face lamp shades by Luis Eslava Studio, photo by Velcro Industries

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MADE TO LAST

Playing on the recognisable forms of disposable ware, the items in this range are made with glass and porcelain to create a quirky collection you'll love for a long time to come.

Seletti Estetico Quotidiano Series \$3.90-\$253.50 at HipVan



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PRECIOUS FORMS

Folding the cardboard into the shape of a gem makes this tissue box so much more display worthy.

Tissue Gem boxes from Hay

HOLD IT!

Smart new uses for the simple peg

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying CRAFTWORK & STYLING Neo Aik Sing & Khaili Teoh
PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh LOCATION Castlery
LISTED ITEMS AVAILABLE AT CASTLERY unless otherwise stated



PLANT POTS

These adorable barrels are simply pegs taken apart and glued together on a cardboard ring.

Featuring the Rabbit Stand, Bird House and Jarle Cabinet (countertop) from Robinsons



HEAT MAT

With a little creativity, you can create beautiful stands just by arranging the pegs into unique forms.

Featuring ASA teapot, cups and saucers, Charles Millen creamer jug, all from Tangs, on Brita Dining Table

SIMPLE



**SUNBURST
FRAME**
Less obvious than a sunburst mirror, this nifty holder lets you switch around your photos more easily than with a gallery wall.
Featuring the Kettil Lamp and Morse Study Table

RECIPE HOLDERS

Need more counter space? Fix magnets behind your pegs, and you can stick them on your fridge to hold up instructions and other handy items like tea towels.



CABLE ORGANISER

Keep long wires tidy by wrapping them around a clip.

Featuring the Myron Side Table and Hanford Armchair



DAILY PLANNER

Mark seven pegs with the days of the week and add your tasks to them. These are great because you can grab all your notes at once as you head out the door.



GREAT DIVIDE

**For that spacious and sleek appeal,
glass dividers can work better than
concrete walls to segregate your zones**

TEXT Disa Tan

IKEA



This is the most common demarcation which really keeps the water out and the daylight in. Instead of a regular door handle, a top-hung sliding door with a compact finger pull handle will blur the lines of separation between the adjoining bedroom and bathroom.



Cordoning the bathtub off in black tinted glass panels is a bold move to showcase this sought-after luxury item in good light. The panels are joined by silicone sealant to keep the structure watertight. For the flooring, keep to waterproof options like bamboo and allow proper drainage at the bottom to filter out excess water.

A glass panel acts as the backing to a gentleman's wardrobe. The dark tint is a sleek and masculine choice for this bachelor's private sanctuary.



Design: Renozone

WALK-IN ENCLOSURE

Design: New Nyew Design



Keeping the bedroom from the tiny walk-in en suite separate, but still spacious, is another dark tinted glass panel. The glass is at the foot of the bed so having a full panel could result in unsightly scuff marks at the bottom. Designer New Nyew therefore had a half concrete wall installed at the base.

Double sliding glass doors with a tinted tone helm this roomy walk-in wardrobe. The glass treatment, coupled with the open-concept wardrobe, makes choosing clothing effortless. However, this style can backfire if your wardrobe piles on the clutter over time.



Design: Rob.Wynn



Design Hotels

A fresh approach to the usual shower stall screen, this tea-tinted glass panel guards a standalone bathtub. Having a single piece of the full-height glass screen also does away with the joining lines which could shatter the illusion of a minimalistic style.

TYPES OF GLASS

- **CLEAR GLASS:** Easily identified by the jade-like green tinge at the sides, this is one of the most commonly utilised glass types in the industry. The going rate is about \$15 per square foot and being the most affordable, it can be turned into almost anything from table tops to feature walls, windows and of course, room dividers.
- **CRYSTAL GLASS:** This completely translucent piece has no green tinge but clear sides. This advocates the application of having it coloured with paint at the back as it brings out a brighter, more vibrant tone. The cost is three times higher than clear glass so it is best used in smaller measures like for kitchen backsplashes.
- **FROSTED GLASS:** Though the traditional way of creating frosted glass is using the sandblasting method, this is often overlooked in favour of frosted films. This is because sandblasted glass, or etched glass, is permanent and more expensive. As stated on local glass supplier House of Glass' website (houseofglass.com.sg), the designs for frosted film are pretty much endless and "one can select from plain frost, to designs and text cut onto the stencils".
- **LAMI GLASS:** Also known as decorative glass, this piece is made by inserting a piece of fabric (one that can withstand high temperatures) between two pieces of clear glass. The cost can go up to \$100 per square foot and this is mostly utilised as privacy dividers or feng shui elements like glass features.

“ Besides decorative glass, owners looking at unique effects can explore wire glass which is available in both clear and frosted options. ”
Zinc Tan, Mint & Pistachio Home

STUDY ENCLAVE

Go for a half-glass, half-concrete set-up for a semi-private study. The best part is all the unsightly wires can be shielded away from view by the concrete wall. The stainless steel frames also bring a sharp outline to truly ground this space from the other rooms. Just be sure that the hefty weight of the frames can be fully supported by the half concrete wall.



Design: Fuse Concept



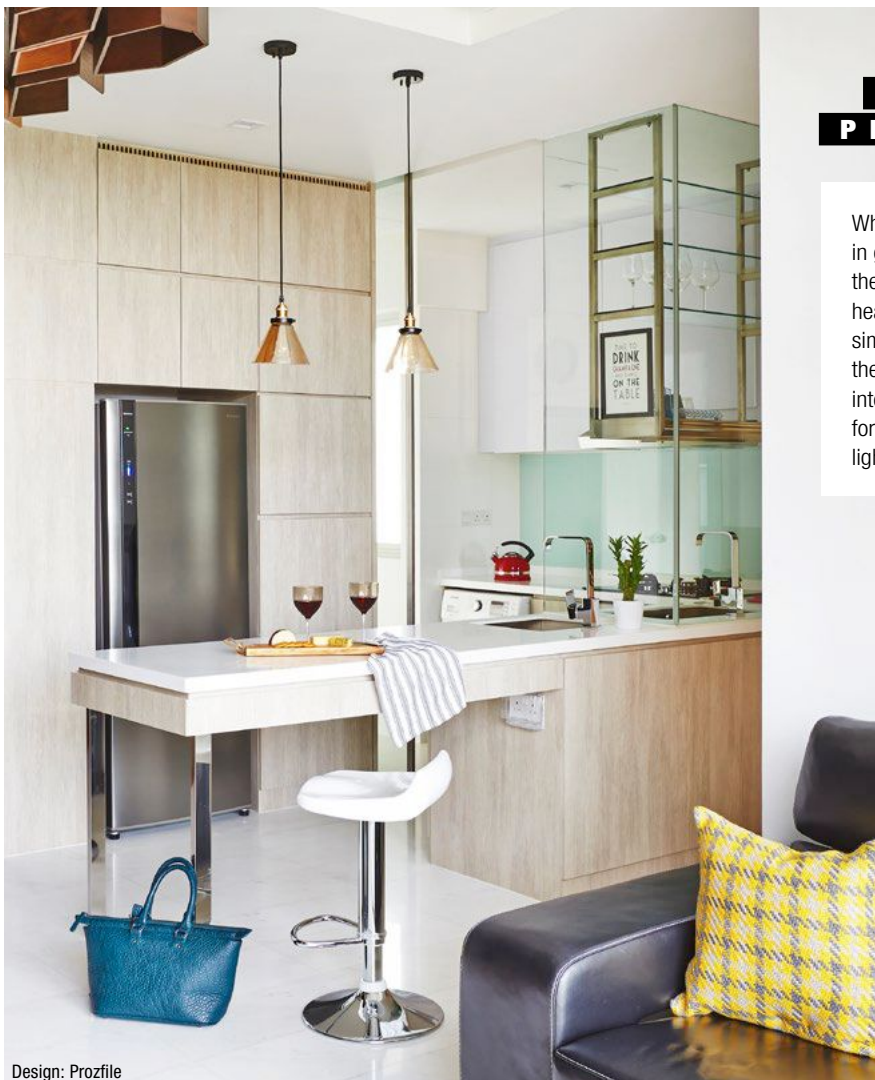
Design: Rob.Wynn Interior

This arrangement offers the full vista of what's happening in other parts of your home. Parents can keep an eye on their kids while they work in this polished workspace. Says designer Robin Hoong from Rob. Wynn Interior: "Black tinted glass is one of the popular choices, and my preferred choice, for a glass divider. It is classy and a sense of privacy and mystery is retained."

The glass window which wraps around the corner wall is quite an unconventional take on the regular glass-enclosed kitchen. You get a fun-looking opening which still serves its function of letting light in but scores on the aesthetics part. It also works really well with the Scandinavian theme.



Design: Prozfile



Design: Prozfile

KITCHEN PEEK-A-BOO

Why enclose the entire kitchen in glass when confining just the wet kitchen will block the heavy cooking smells? With this simple and seamless treatment, the glass divider blends right into the setting. Recommended for occasional cooks who prefer light cooking at home.

GOOD TO KNOW

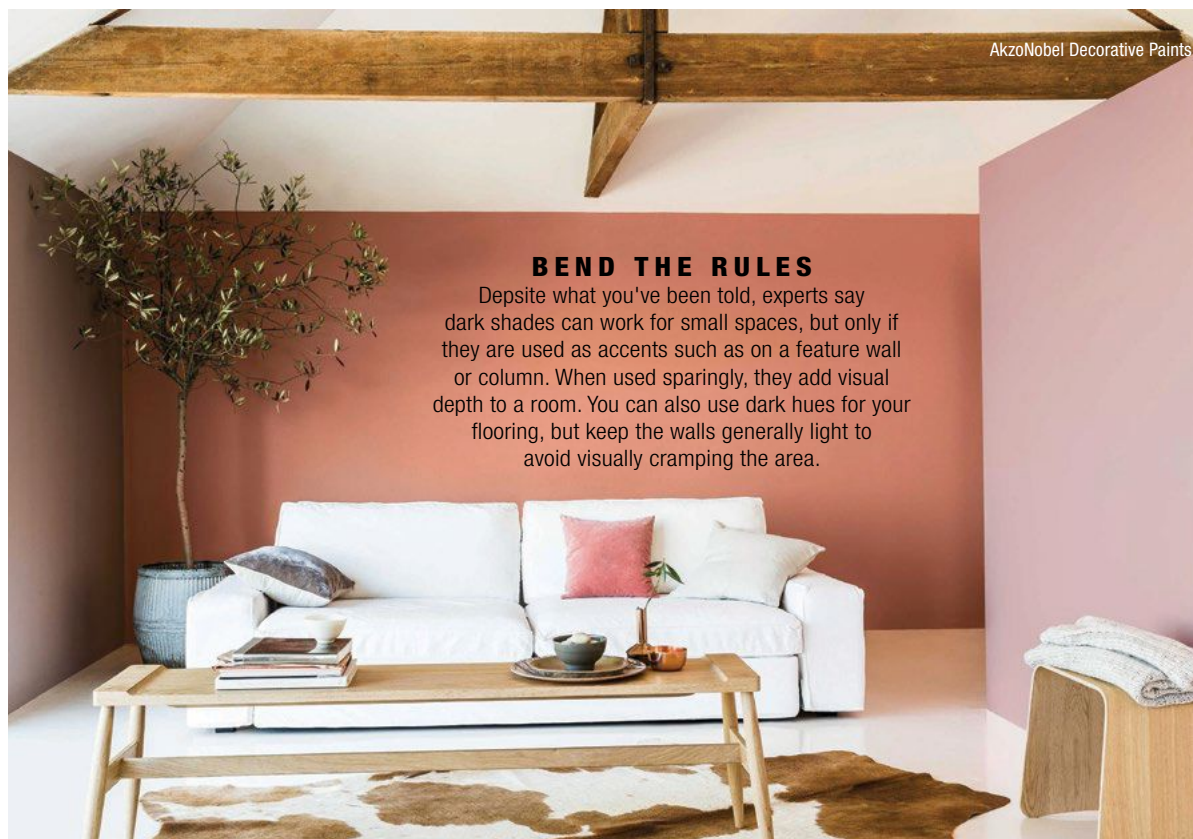
- For room dividers, the minimum thickness for the glass should be 10-12mm.
- The most space-savvy method to enclose the space is a sliding track, with the glass panel held by aluminium brackets.
- Another method is a swinging glass door which is hung on hinges.
- Silicone sealant is the common way to seal the glass but for a seamless joint, UV glue is a viable option.
- Solar films offer UV light protection and help lower the temperature and light intensity in your home.

ENLARGE *your space*

Playing with colours, patterns and finishes can make a big difference to a small space. We chat with surface experts to find out how

TEXT Ho Pei Ying

Danish Design



BEND THE RULES

Despite what you've been told, experts say dark shades can work for small spaces, but only if they are used as accents such as on a feature wall or column. When used sparingly, they add visual depth to a room. You can also use dark hues for your flooring, but keep the walls generally light to avoid visually cramping the area.

SHOULD YOU PAINT YOUR CEILING?

PAINT GURUS SAY GO FOR IT IF YOU WANT TO VISUALLY INCREASE THE HEADROOM OF A SPACE. BUT OPT FOR A MONOCHROMATIC COLOUR SCHEME AND FOLLOW THIS GENERAL RULE: DARKEST SHADE FOR THE FLOOR, MEDIUM SHADE FOR THE WALLS AND THE LIGHTEST SHADE FOR THE CEILING.

GO LIGHT

Pale tones make a small room appear larger. Light-coloured walls for instance, appear to recede while also reflecting light so that a space feels more open and airy. Use a single colour or a colour scheme that employs different shades of the same colour.

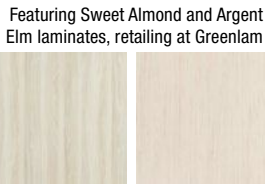


Choose colours like pastels, neutrals and cool colours such as blues and green.



SMALL & DAINTY
Using motifs? Delicate patterns do best in a small space as large ones have a tendency to overwhelm a petite room.

STRAIGHT UP
Go vertical if you want to enhance the height of your room. One way is to paint vertical stripes, or use the wallpaper equivalent. To maximise the impact, do them up from floor to ceiling.



INTO THE WOODS
When it comes to laminate patterns, woodgrains are undoubtedly the most popular. Deeper tones can make a room look claustrophobic, but sticking to lighter shades can give the place a cosy yet spacious feel. Similar to striped wallcoverings, placing these laminates with their patterns running vertically also encourages the eye to travel upwards, lengthening the space, says Lorraine Brigdale, General Manager of Design and Development at Greenlam.



Featuring Mosaico 101B
tiles by Codicer, retailing
at Soon Bee Huat



TAKE A CHANCE

Don't dismiss horizontal lines or large prints too quickly. Horizontal lines can work when applied in a narrow and confined space, like a hallway. If you want to use larger prints, keep the colour contrast between the pattern and base small. Or use them in smaller quantities like as a trimming.

CLAMOUR FOR GLAMOUR

Metallic finishes are all the rage. Like gloss, they can reflect light but have the bonus of glamming up your space.



Marburg

“Coordinate the colours that are used in motifs with the hues in the rest of the room to create unity.”

Lorraine Brigdale, General Manager of Design and Development at Greenlam

Featuring Duramen Almond-Antracite wall and flooring tiles, retailing at Soon Bee Huat



WATCH OUT!

Take care when using glossy tiles on flooring. According to interior designer EJ Wong of tile specialist Soon Bee Huat, "Glossy tiles are more slippery, and may cause people to slip and fall. So stick to using them on walls and in dry areas like the living room and bedroom."

NOT A FAN OF SHEEN?

IF YOU DON'T LIKE SHINY WALLS, TRY DULUX'S LIGHT & SPACE. THIS MATTE-FINISH PAINT IS FORMULATED WITH LUMITEC TECHNOLOGY SO IT REFLECTS TWICE AS MUCH LIGHT COMPARED TO OTHER EMULSION PAINTS.



SHINE ON ME

Like mirrors, the reflective properties of glossy surfaces can help visually expand small spaces. But keep them to accents to avoid overkill.

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IN A *different light*

Cosy or cool? You can now set the right mood in your home thanks to MEGAMAN's new Dim to Warm feature integrated into their range of LED bulbs



With today's homes becoming smaller and smaller, it is increasingly vital to create a multifunctional space that can be suited for different occasions and purposes. And using a dimmer to control your lighting is one of the best ways to create a versatile home. All it takes is a touch to transform any room from an energising workspace into a cosy and warm environment conducive for resting and relaxing.

Enter the latest range of LED bulbs designed by lighting manufacturer MEGAMAN, which are incorporated with their new Dim to Warm feature. This means that the LEDs, when dimmed, emit a warm glow. For years, dimmers only worked with

incandescents or halogens to give us that amber hue when we wished to change up the ambience of our interiors. While LEDs have proven more durable and energy-efficient, there was inertia in the industry towards using dimmer-controlled LEDs because they tended to maintain the same colour, even when turned down.

Now MEGAMAN is seeking to change all of that with their latest collection. When moved from 100 per cent to 10 per cent, the colour temperature of the LEDs changes from 2800K to a warm 1800K, while still retaining the same performance as conventional equivalents. Consumers can thus expect them to have a lifespan of up to 35,000 hours, and a high lumen



maintenance which means lower light loss over time and hence lower upkeep costs. And because LEDs are also more energy-saving than filament bulbs, this also translates to more cost savings in the long run.

A variety of LED bulbs with the Dim to Warm feature is available to cater to different needs. This includes the PAR 16, Classic P45 and Classic A65.

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WHAT'S TRENDING

Highlights from Maison &
Objet Asia and SingaPlural,
two of Singapore Design
Week's biggest events



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Brabbu, Saki
 Suspension Light

Maison & Objet Asia

For its second appearance in Singapore, the new annual event from France brought together 272 exhibitors showcasing their latest designs. These are some of the biggest trends that stood out

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying



Hamilton Conte



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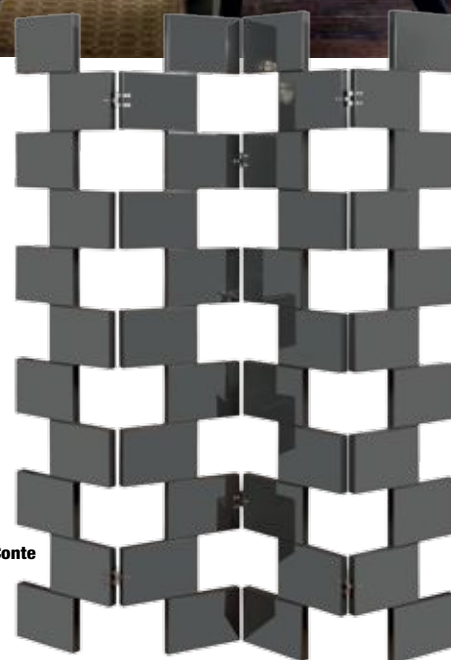
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CLASSIC '70S

From the runways of Tom Ford to Derek Lam, the love for all things '70s has also spilled into furnishings. Thank goodness it's none of that psychedelic stuff, but rather sleek forms in either warm tones, or muted cool hues that'll blend easily into modern homes.



Hamilton Conte



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Mambo Unlimited Ideas, New Spider I Lamp

WIRE WORK

The criss-crossing of fine lines makes these pieces look like sketches brought to life, but because of their see-through quality, larger pieces tend to look less bulky than they normally would.



Mambo Unlimited Ideas, Magnolia III Lamp

SCANDI 2.0

If you like the clean aesthetics of Scandinavian furnishing, but find the designs too plain, the latest crop is a lot more playful without trying too hard.



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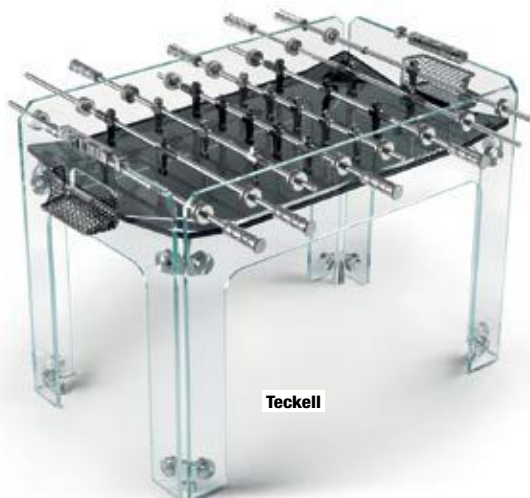


DARK GLAMOUR

You can't be half-hearted about gothic Victoriana if you want to pull it off properly. High on drama and sensuality, the bold theme will make you feel like royalty every time you come home.

HOBBY TOWN

You're never too old for toys and games, especially when they look as good as these.



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**Koket, Camilia
Armoire**

GREAT GATSBY GRANDEUR

Get a taste of the glittering '20s with beautiful art deco pieces made with the finest materials.



**Brabbu, Eanda
Armchair**



**Oliver Kessler, The Solitaire
Punkah Ostrich Fan**



Ango

ORGANIC LIGHT FORMS

Resembling plants and clouds, these soft and dreamy lights almost seem like they were plucked from nature.



Serip



Ong Cen Kuang



SingaPlural 2015

TEXT Ho Pei Ying

For a week in March, SingaPlural made its home at 99 Beach Road with design installations, workshops and symposiums at the former Beach Road Police Station, now the Raffles Institute of Design. This marked the first time the design festival—now in its fourth edition—held most of its activities in a single location. As the anchor event of Singapore Design Week, it brought together talents from across a spectrum of fields and saw many unexpected partnerships between designers and manufacturers. We uncover the personalities and processes behind the event that had the local scene buzzing with excitement.





HOW DESIGNERS WORK

This year's SingaPlural was themed 'Process', focusing on different elements that make up an eventual product. We chatted with RSP Architects to find out how they created 'Dream A Little', one of the festival's most dramatic installations



Photos: RSP Architects

What was it like working in such a large team?

At the start, we'd gather to brainstorm, seeking everyone's opinion. At this stage, all ideas are welcomed and everyone is encouraged to think creatively and uninhibitedly. We eventually settled on the concept of dreams—what it means to envision something and how we would bridge the gap between imagination and design. We figured building a dreamscape with relatable characters and objects would be a great idea because like in a dream, elements of the familiar are sometimes retained.

How did you build up from that concept?

We looked into an array of works by designers such as Ron Mueck, Florentijn Hofman, Vaughn Bell and Soon studio for inspiration. Their work often involves a play on scale of everyday objects, human beings and other living things. In our installation, we wanted to house 12 of RSP's unbuilt projects because these beautiful designs were not, and never will be, realised. They will remain in our dreams, so to speak.

The installation was massive! We love the details and the fact that it was so interactive. We wanted it to be dramatic and to offer a variety of terrains when

seen from different viewpoints. That is when the team decided to have a cityscape, which gradually moved towards a more rural setting. The landforms included water spouts, terraces, islands, and a vertical plot of cityscape. For the exterior, we chose a cloud form, designed to be simple and relatable. Each layer of the cloud alternated in thickness and height to give an overall sense of weightlessness and dynamism. To keep it 'dream-like', we replicated the elusive feeling one gets when dreaming so visitors can only experience our dreamscape through the viewpoints placed at different perspectives, revealing only a limited portion of the dreamscape at a time.

Tell us about the materials you used.

For the main cloud, we looked for a material that could convey lightness and translucency, but yet was durable enough for visitors to touch. So after research and several mock-ups, we settled on Stratocell, a foam commonly used for packaging. Its translucent nature meant that when the light shone from behind, the cloud looked like it was glowing. For the building blocks, we used extruded polystyrene foam, a material we often use to build massing models in our field. Most of the buildings of our unbuilt projects were 3D printed using PLA material.



Photos: PhotographEY

THE WHAMPOA FOUNTAIN

by George Soo

Fear does funny things to people. For George, his childhood fear of the now iconic Whampoa Dragon Fountain fuelled part of his inspiration for this installation. Made from individual wooden modules, the display can be likened to massive toy blocks stacked atop one another. The layering of the boxes in different heights made way for areas in between so that could act they could act as seats or tables, transforming the design into a community space. Although the fear has since been replaced by a sense of attachment, having spent most of his growing up days playing by the fountain, the dragon's majestic and towering form still remains firmly etched in his memory. Sadly, the fountain is no longer running today. Paying homage to the structure's former glory, George coated a side of his installation in a lustrous blue to reflect the waters that once flowed from the dragon's mouth.



THE HIGHLIGHTS

There were many great installations at SingaPlural, but here are four that have truly caught our eye!

INCANDESCENCE by Desinere and Tinge

Incandescence tells of the design process behind Lueur, a series of pendant lamps that resulted from the collaboration between design studios Desinere and Tinge. Lueur, meaning 'glow' in French, was constructed out of maple wood columns and paper shades, and inspired by the paper folding work Desinere is known for. "We had to undergo many trials and errors, such as trying to get the wood column in the right proportion, getting craftsmen who were skilled enough to produce the wooden component to our specifications, the precision needed for the paper folding, and sourcing for the right parts," explains Daryl Lim, co-founder of Tinge. Incandescence thus illustrates the various failed experiments in the design process, culminating into the perfect Lueur lamp placed as the centrepiece of the installation.

“We live in a highly commercial world where most items are mass manufactured. We want people to appreciate artisanal processes and also to take life slower. Incandescence is a process and a reminder to find what makes you glow in life.”

Daryl Lim





“Marble is a very beautiful and complex material. It reveals the depths of its beauty the longer you stare at its grains.”

Olivia Lee



Photos: The Primary Studio

THE MARVELLOUS MARBLE FACTORY by Olivia Lee

One simply could not have missed Olivia's installation. Swathed in a sweet pastel pink, The Marvellous Marble Factory felt like the insides of Willy Wonka's factory. A large ice-cream display freezer stood at attention amidst a moving conveyor belt, while bell jars displayed chocolate bars and ice-cream sticks fashioned from marble. "When I visited Polystone's [marble] factory, I was floored by the variety and spectrum of colours available. As I sorted through the samples, my mind immediately leapt to images of ice cream and chocolate bars. The textures and colours are so convincingly edible that they create a nice contrast when you realise that you probably shouldn't put them into your mouth! It is this trick of the senses that gets people to fall in love with the stone again," says Olivia.



HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS by Tiffany Loy

"I am a very technical person," says Tiffany. This might explain why she chose to create a design that required a certain amount of precision. Hundreds and Thousands is a wall and table cladding, inspired by Lamitak's catalogue of laminates. Flipping through the pages and seeing the great variety of textures and designs prompted Tiffany to come up with her own surface design. This was done by layering different textured laminates to create a graphic motif. The laminates had to be laser cut very precisely, in order to achieve the repeated patterns.



Photos: Fabian Ong

MATERIAL PLAY

To a designer, the importance of understanding the material you are working with cannot be understated. Material choice can, often quite literally, make or break your design. Here we look at what these designers worked with for their installations



ICONS OF SEMBAWANG by Chan Wai Lim

**MATERIALS: HEVEATECH WOOD
FROM SAMKO**

Wai Lim's installation was a series of rocking chairs in animal forms, inspired by her childhood memories of kampong life. The curved outlines of her designs even surprised Handani Hadisantoso, Country Manager at Samko, who supplied the wood for her design. "I didn't even know our wood could be used like this," he said with a laugh. Usually employed as outdoor decking, Heveatech wood is 100 per cent rubber wood. "Rubber trees are normally used for their latex, rather than their wood, so we are basically using the 'waste' product." The raw wood is made into veneers and then compressed together. This increases the density of the product to prevent water absorption, making it suitable for outdoor use.



THE MARRIAGE by Noreen Loh of Miun

**MATERIALS: REAL FLOWERS
AND LAMINATES FROM LAMITAK**

Laminates, to Noreen, were something that had a very manufactured and hardy appearance, which was why she wanted to add softness to them by marrying the material with real flowers. The result is a "new" floral species that seems to take on a futuristic form. "How can you tell what's real or man-made? That's what I'm trying to say here," said the designer. Her background as a florist and love for plants made the decision to go with flowers an easy one. To infuse life into her ethereal creations, she picked air plants, silver brunia, reindeer moss, and kangaroo paw—plants better known to sit in the sidelines of bouquets—as her materials.



ROYAL STINKER by Chang Huaiyan of Salad Dressing

MATERIALS: ACRYLIC AND A THAI DURIAN BOUGHT IN TOKYO

Huaiyan's installation stemmed from a wish to restore the original glory of the durian, whose 'royal' status he believes is dwindling in part because of its distinctive smell. Sealing off the spiky fruit in acrylic seems straightforward, but according to Huaiyan, the process was not easy. Several durians exploded due to heat during the construction. There were also difficulties getting rid of air bubbles. The installation's eventual success can be owed to Japanese artist Takao Inoue, who is known for his skills in encasing anything in acrylic. Choosing Lucite was both a practical and poetic decision. Practical, because acrylic is very durable. When exposed to UV rays, its clarity or colour also does not alter. But it is somewhat poetic too, as acrylic's perceived 'eternal' characteristic permits the durian to live on indefinitely.

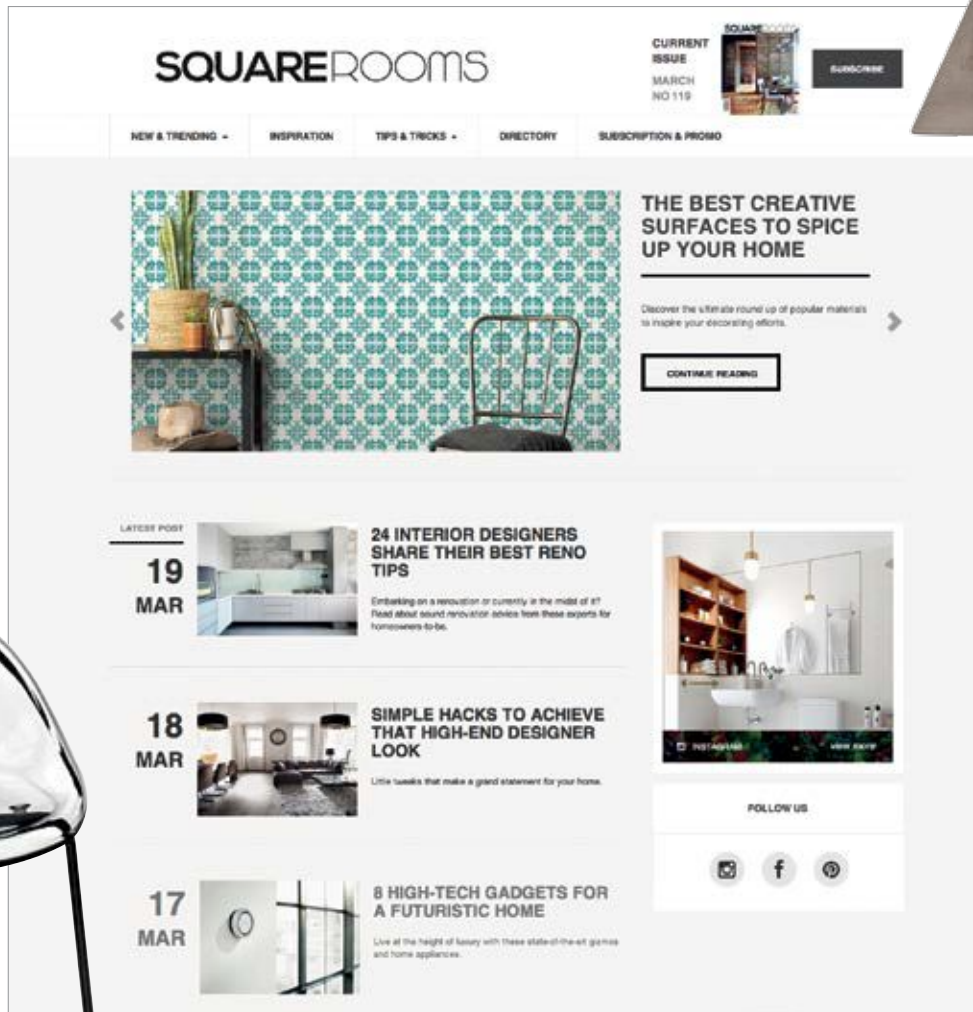


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A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN

Add a breath of fresh air to your home with unique pieces from indie online stores

TEXT Lisa Twang



Perfect for the gearhead's home, the Motorbike Man Cushion (\$72) can be displayed on its own, or with other monochrome cushions.



The handmade Moroccan Leather Pouf (\$249) comes unstuffed, so you can fill it with the material of your choice.

MAISSONE

www.maissonne.com

Born from a love of backstreet treasures from years of travel, Maissonne seeks to bring unique, contemporary home accessories to Singapore. Working with small, independent suppliers and local craftsmen, such as villages in Cameroon, it stocks mainly soft furnishings and Thread Design bed linen from New Zealand. Its showroom is located in Tiong Bahru.



The hand-sewn Playground Pelican Plush (\$22) was inspired by everyone's favourite playground from the '80s.

THE LITTLE DRÖM STORE

www.thelittledromstore.com

From finger puppets to oven mitts, this homegrown store runs the gamut of artsy lifestyle wares. Marrying Singaporean designs with a Scandinavian aesthetic, its name is based on the Swedish word 'dröm', meaning dream. Its online store carries a selection of products, with the full range at its SOTA homebase.

Designed by Swedish illustrator Ingela P. Arrhenius, the Matryoshka Dolls Robot Series (\$29.90) is a cheerful modern take on the classic nesting doll set.



This Vintage Armchair (\$950) is truly one-of-a-kind, with two beautiful vintage fabric patterns (floral in front, and polka dots at the back).

ROSE CITRON

www.rosecitron.com.sg

Established over seven years ago, the lifestyle store pays tribute to French design with its colourful, whimsical range. As well as designing and producing its own products in Singapore, it also imports French brands like Linum. Rose Citron often mixes prints and textures in its lineup, and has its own shop premises at Keong Saik Road.



We love the playful print of the Cushion with Pencils (\$50), which features pencils, sharpeners and watercolour paints.



TRUFFULA FOREST

www.truffulaforest.com

With its range of pretty, practical and affordable home accessories, local online store Truffula Forest has grown from humble beginnings to shipping orders to six continents. Founded in 2013, it sources products from across the world, often with a classic, vintage feel.



Add a pop of colour to your desk with the Numeric Mint Storage Drawers, \$55.36 (US\$39.90). The grainy, unfinished wood finish ensures no two are exactly alike.

The whimsical Pastel Woodlands Ceramic Jars, \$12.35 (US\$8.90) are great for storing stationery, craft items or jewellery. Perched atop mason jars, they look particularly striking.





The loo may be the last place you'd expect to find a camera, but the Doiy Polaroll Toilet Roll Holder (\$32) cleverly subverts expectations. Perfect for some retro cool and sly humour.

SHOPDECA

www.shopdeca.com/sg

After its great success in Indonesia, this quirky lifestyle shop made its way to our shores last April. With homewares from South East Asian and international brands, it aims to bring practical but distinct products to our corner of the world, while championing emerging local designers. You can also browse its brick-and-mortar store in Ubi.



Crafted in Indonesia, the Kite Design Studio Rocket Lamp (\$92) adds a touch of whimsy to any room.

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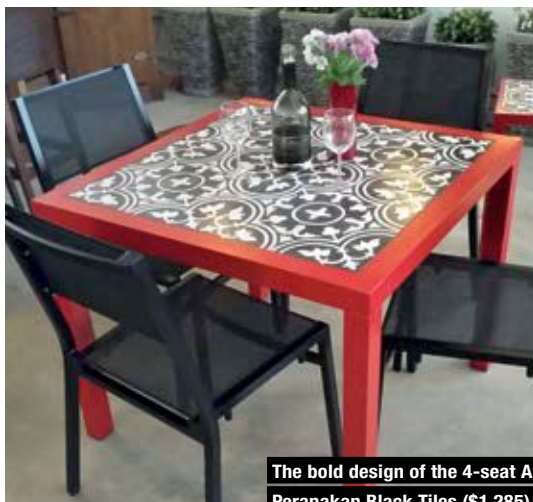


The wooden Litten Hanging Lamp (\$1,050) was designed to resemble flowers in bloom.

ARTHUR ZAARO

arthurzaaro.com

Owner and principal designer Aaron Arthur Foeste started this store in 2013, and its striking tiled tables have quickly become its signature product. Available in vintage geometric patterns, they are handcrafted, designed locally, and are also customisable. Arthur Zaaro also stocks recycled timber furniture and imports from Indonesia and the Philippines, all at very reasonable prices. Browse their showroom in Eunos, or make an appointment to visit their workshop.



The bold design of the 4-seat Aluminium Table with Peranakan Black Tiles (\$1,285) easily makes it the statement piece of your dining room. Handmade with coloured cement, the tiles are not painted, making them infinitely more durable.

SHOP SAFE

Here's how to make the most of your online shopping experience.

1. Visit the showroom, if possible

While shopping online means you can browse any time, showrooms help you visualise how the item will actually look in your home. Colours may appear differently on-screen, and finer details, such as woodgrains, will be much more obvious up close.

2. Check return policies and guarantees

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3. Pay attention to site security

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THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE

This lovingly curated home is a treasure trove
of web finds and souvenirs from around the world

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh
STYLING AND SOURCING Yuen Yi Ying and Neo Aik Sing



GSEWS tote from Naiise
(www.naiise.com)

Beanbag from Beancept
(www.beancept.com)

space
2 BEDROOM
CONDO UNIT

who lives here
A COUPLE

size
915 SQF

reno period
6 WEEKS



Instead of having multiple drawers, the large cabinet doors give the counter a sleeker appearance and hide sliding shelves inside. The circular hood was JQ's suggestion as he felt it was more unique and compact compared to conventional squarish ones.

As a decorating title, we've seen our fair share of beautiful homes, but only a few make us feel like we've discovered something really special as soon as we step inside. This is definitely one of them. We're not sure what impressed us most at first—the breathtaking unobstructed city views or the assortment of exotic trinkets that make us want to pick up and admire each piece carefully. As we asked about the items, one of the homeowners shared about how she chanced upon some of the items from her travels and postings to far-off lands. Then, she threw us a curveball. You'd never expect it,

but expertly blended among the vintage baubles around the house are plenty of modern online buys. In fact, many of the main furniture pieces came from the web!

Due to their demanding full-time jobs, the couple found shopping online more convenient as taking time off to browse around shops was difficult. From the TV console and sofa sourced from Castlery to kooky dinosaur planters from Etsy, no item seemed too big or small to be off limits. Of course, the young couple tried their best not to leave anything to chance. They were meticulous with measurements and also paid attention to materials. Additionally, they'd



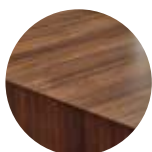
Wood charging
dock from Etsy



Concrete stool from
Galanga Living
(www.galangaliving.com)



— materials —



KITCHEN COUNTER
Waterproof panelling
from KompacTop



SLIDING BATHROOM DOOR
Sealed rusted steel



WARDROBE DOORS
Chequered acrylic



HEADBOARD
Wood plank from
KB Living



communicated with sellers to clear doubts, discuss customisations and ensure everything was as pictured on the sites. Their efforts paid off as everything came just as they had wanted it.

Setting off all the beautiful finds is the equally stunning interiors designed by JQ Ong from The Association. The couple liked the industrial aesthetic, but wanted a more stripped back version that wouldn't have pipes and wiring running all around. They wanted someone who understood their vision, and after coming across JQ's portfolio and having an initial discussion with him, they were sold.

One of the first things to go was the false ceiling that stunted the house. After the ceiling beams were exposed, the couple thought they looked nice and decided to leave them as is. The walls and most of the floors were covered with

cement screed, creating a nice neutral base to showcase the artworks, photographs and beautiful carpets around the house. In contrast, the spacious bathroom is covered in bright blue glazed tiles from Unlimited Enterprises (which the husband loved) creating a shimmering oasis effect. It's also the wife's favourite space as she likes its "zen feel".

At less than 1,000 square feet, the space isn't huge, but it feels much bigger than it is because there are only a couple weathered metal doors dividing the main zones of the flat—one sectioning off the hall from the master suite and study, and another for the bathroom. With its rather open-plan layout and uncluttered feel, the whole apartment almost feels like a cosy gallery—the perfect concept to highlight the lovely views within and around the house.



PRACTICAL TIPS

Homeowner's tips for shopping online:

1. If you're buying furniture, it's especially important that you measure everything. Check that it's the right size and measure the space for it in your house.
2. Do your research. If the shop lists the material, check that the finishing has the look that you are aiming for.
3. When shopping on Etsy, speak to the shop owner to make sure you get exactly what you want, especially with personalised or customisable items.



SCANDI HAVEN

Refined Scandinavian furnishings can cost a pretty penny. To keep costs low, this young couple hopped online to mix and match Nordic brands with more affordable finds

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying **STYLING** Yuen Yi Ying and Neo Aik Sing
PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

While some new homeowners may scramble to fill their house with furnishings, the pair who lives here had already started browsing online one to two years before their house was ready. Shopping for furniture on the web would be a risky move, considering neither had done it before, but since the Net does offer attractive bargains, the newlyweds decided to give it a go.

They'd decided on the Scandinavian-industrial theme, and to make their space look bigger, they chose a lighter palette that would result in a cleaner look. Sites like Amazon, Taobao, Rakuten and eBay were some of their go-to pages for pocket-friendly pieces. However, the couple also picked up pricier



Framed mirror
from Taobao

space
HDB BTO
5-ROOM FLAT

who lives here
A COUPLE
AND THEIR CAT

budget
\$60K
INCLUSIVE OF FURNISHINGS

location
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reno period
2 MONTHS

Animal print cushions from
By Nord (www.bynord.com)

Fox Plushie with Scarf
from Tinge (tinge.co)

FineLittleDay yellow
striped Cotton Cushion
Cover from Bloesem

Cowhide rug from eBay
(www.ebay.com)





items from actual nordic online shops such as By Nord and the Scandinavian Design Center for a more credible feel.

Through browsing online, the pair even came across forums recommending interior firm Custom Box for the style they wanted. They signed designer Foo Jun Yeow for their project and their brief to him was to keep the space as streamlined and spacious as possible by not adding too much built-in carpentry. Besides the wardrobe and kitchen cabinets, most of the storage can be moved around to reconfigure the space to the owners' fancy. Jun Yeow also enlarged the master bedroom by combining it with

PRACTICAL TIPS

Homeowner Emma's
advice for shopping online:

1. Do take time to investigate sellers by checking their reviews and ratings. The best reviews are those that include the item in real-life settings so you can see how they look and fit.
2. If you want something customised, do ask the seller

as they can usually accede to requests. Also, if you're shipping fragile items, make a note to ask the sellers for more protective cushioning. It might cost a little more but it'll be worth it.

3. Some things are hard to return and not worth the shipping back to the supplier. However, if an item is cheap enough, it might be worth the risk.



— materials —



LIVING ROOM FLOOR
Vinyl flooring from Krono Original



BEDROOM CABINETS
Laminates from Lamitak



KITCHEN BACKSPLASH
Subway tiles from Hafary

an adjoining room, creating space for a cosy dressing area.

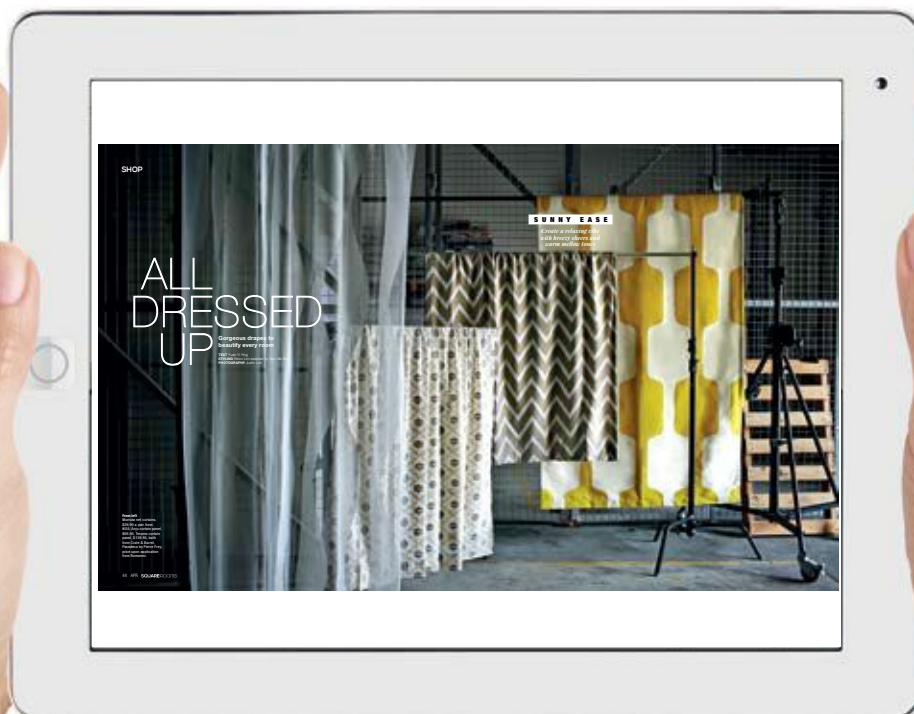
Most of the home's lighting were sourced online, and the owners even gambled with trickier pieces such as the dining table and chairs, as well as an oversized floor mirror. Unfortunately, they did come across some duds. One three-arm ceiling lamp ended up hanging too low because of the length of the prongs, so that couldn't be used. Another table arrived in an odd white tone, so that was put aside as well. However, despite the rare misses, the reward for the homeowners' resourcefulness is a lovely abode that perfectly captures the casual-chic Scandinavian look without them compromising their budget or aesthetics.



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FINE & dandy

Making a bold statement with deep hues and extravagant surfaces, this bachelor's pad is definitely one that astounds

TEXT Ho Pei Ying

PHOTOGRAPHY Figure x Lee Kuo-Min Studio

Looking at the interiors, some might say the home borders on being overly extravagant. But to Chen, the forty-something owner of this two-storey apartment in Taipei, the renovations turned out exactly as he wanted. Designer Tang Chung-han of Design Apartment says of the brief: "Chen told us to use dark colours and materials that made a strong impact."

And his wish was the firm's command. Chen—a bachelor working in the tech industry—had hired Chung-han to do up the design for his new home back in December 2012. The project

CEILING

The ceiling above the dining area features angular panels, giving the space an added dimension.





2^{STOREY} UNIT | 3,985^{sq}ft | RENO PERIOD 8 MONTHS | TAIPEI, TAIWAN | HOME TO

SPACES



STUDY *(top, left)*

A corner area on the second storey was reserved for Chen's workspace. A large study table, made from wood with iron legs, takes up most of the room.

Custom-built open and closed shelving provides the storage space he needs.

STAIRCASE *(top, right)*

Black marble is used for the staircase's feature wall.

A diagonal strip inserted with lighting cuts across the marble surface, standing in place of an actual handrail.

was such a massive undertaking that it took eight months to complete.


The interiors certainly stun. Most of the surfaces in the home are swathed in either natural marble, solid wood or metal. Even the walls—and we are not talking about feature walls here—are decked out in luxurious materials.

Take the master bathroom on the first floor for instance. The entire space, save for a few areas, is decked out in white marble. This includes the walls, flooring, vanity top and the shower area. Using a borderless mirrored vanity cabinet was also a clever design move. As it reflects the marble surfaces in the rest of the bathroom, the area looks like it is covered in marble too.



The rest of the home is equally luxe. Showing that it doesn't take just natural stones to bring up the glamour, the master bedroom's wall and flooring are clad in rustic-looking smoked oak. Chung-han explains his choice: "Unlike the communal spaces in the rest of the home, I wanted this intimate and private space to feel cosy." The dominance of wood certainly adds a sense of warmth to this bedroom, but he didn't want it looking too dim, which led the designer to construct a feature made from wood spray-painted white. The structure is not just for design purposes, as it also doubles up as console for the television.

While the rest of the home is a picture of modernity, Chung-han leaned towards a



“Our brief was to use dark colours and materials that made a strong impact.”

Tang Chung-han, designer

LIVING ROOM

Dark hues grant this bachelor's home its requisite masculine character. Cushions on the sofa and a large rug help to soften the look.



**Bloomingville T-Light
Holder from STYLODECO**

DINING ROOM *(right)*

Clad in the same black marble from the staircase's feature wall, this less formal dining area—for breakfast and casual meals—radiates beauty and exclusivity.

MASTER BEDROOM *(opposite, bottom)*

The smoked oak wood adds warmth, but Chung-han opted not to cover the entire space with it for fear of darkening the room. He thus chose to break up the visual by incorporating a continuous bedroom feature piece.



more vintage vibe for the guest room and en-suite bathroom upstairs. He was mindful to keep them just as glamorous, which saw him employing a wainscoting effect on the bedroom's walls. The primary hue here is an elegant dark grey. A recessed ceiling heightens the drama. Even more striking is the adjoining bathroom with black-and-white marble mosaic tiles covering the walls. The rest of the surfaces are black marble, while the furnishings are wood.

Smoked oak wood reappears in the study—carved from an empty and unused area in the second storey—in the form of

a table and shelving. This is where Chen works from home, but it also serves as a leisure space where he can unwind, relax and do a bit of light reading. To invite daylight, Chung-han chose full-height glass sliding doors that lead out into an outdoor terrace. He also incorporated blinders for shade in case it gets too warm in the summer.

There is no denying the opulence in this home but the overall ambiance is also surprisingly restful and comfortable, and it's no doubt thanks to the designer's thoughtful touches.



GUEST BATHROOM

(left)

Arranged in a woven pattern, the mosaic tiles—made from black and white marble—introduce old-world glamour in the bathroom, reflecting the design scheme of the adjoining guest room. The vanity mirror seals the deal with its classic Chinese border.

MASTER BATHROOM

(below)

Here, white marble reigns supreme. For visual depth, an indented shelf was built and covered in black marble. Because of the unpredictable veins of the natural stone, each area in the bathroom conveys a different visual interest depending on where you are looking.



MATERIALS



**STUDY ROOM
SHELVING**
Solid smoked oak



**MASTER
BATHROOM
WALL + FLOOR**
White marble

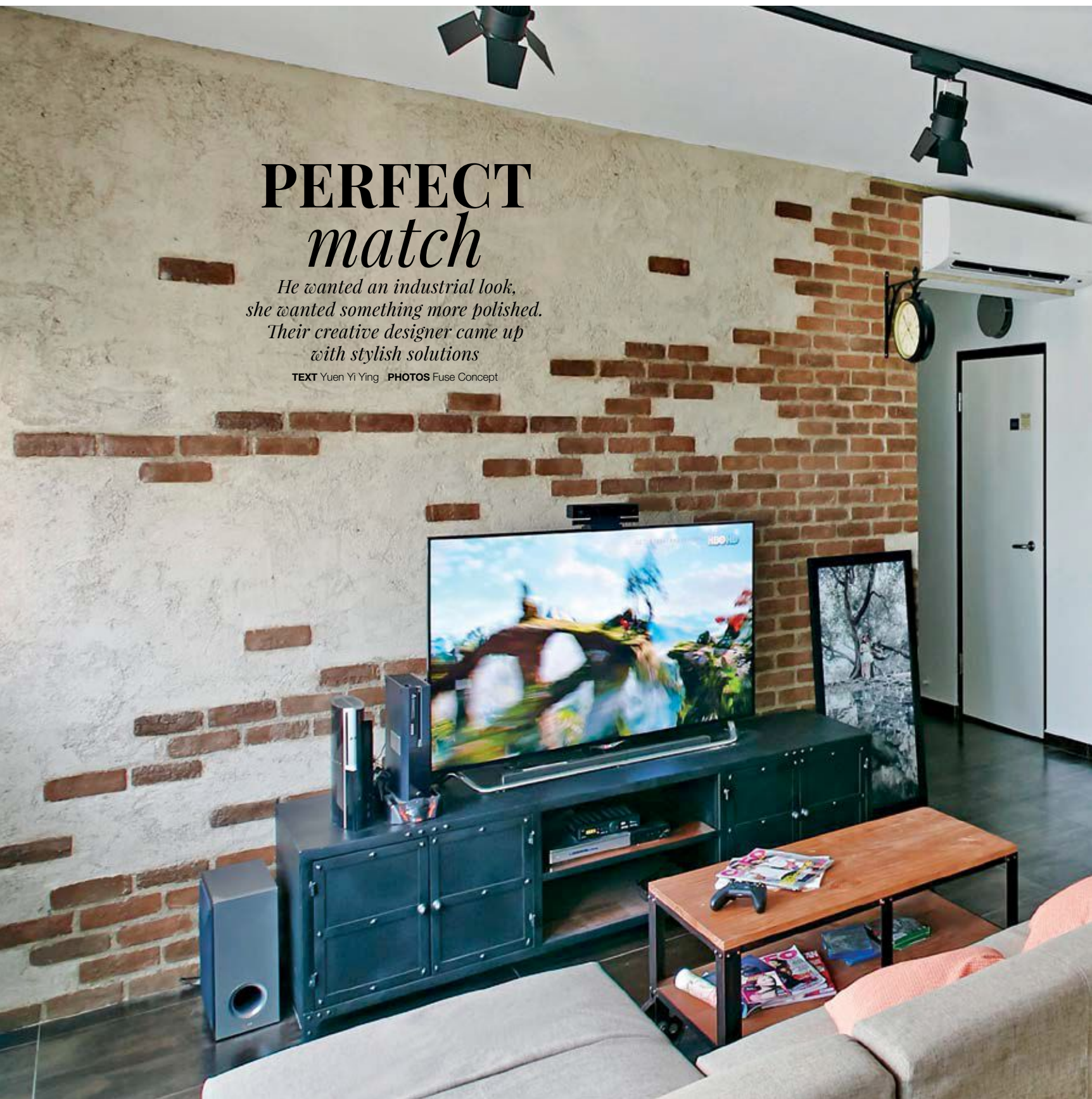


**GUEST
BATHROOM
WALL**
Black-and-white marble
mosaic tiles

PERFECT *match*

*He wanted an industrial look,
she wanted something more polished.
Their creative designer came up
with stylish solutions*

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying PHOTOS Fuse Concept





HALL

A raised platform adds subtle separation to the living and dining zones, giving the sociable couple different areas to hang out with friends when larger groups come by.

HDB 5 ROOM FLAT | BUDGET \$70K | RENO PERIOD 6 WEEKS | HOME TO 2 PEOPLE 1 DOG

SPACES



Clock from Courts

WALKWAY
(right)

Close up, you see the texture details that add personality to this home.



Like fragrance, home decor is very personal. Not everyone will see eye to eye, but designers are used to such challenges. Tasked with coming up with a home that would have "unique design elements", Kate Ng of Fuse Concept also had to balance the newlyweds' different tastes.

The husband loved raw textures while the wife wanted something more chic and refined. Thankfully, both themes typically include a lot of black, so Kate proposed using the inky hue as a unifying factor to blend both styles. It's not a colour that most people would have chosen for their main colour theme, but Kate was glad the pair liked it as it would contrast and play nicely with the details she



KITCHEN *(above)*

The main door faces the kitchen, so sliding glass panels were used to replicate an open-kitchen concept. It also stops the kitchen from feeling claustrophobic when the doors have to be closed.

SETTING THE TONE *(left)*

Choosing the right lighting was crucial for achieving the ideal ambience in different areas.

SPACES



had planned. The couple had also chosen a lot of wood furniture which worked well with the shade.

In the living room, Kate proposed the rather unique choice of using floor tiles that look like corroded metal. The effect is subtle, so it was a happy compromise for the couple as the husband had wanted concrete screed, which the wife was not quite keen on. The brick wall feature, constructed with cement and CraftStone, was also glazed over with epoxy to enhance the contrast of colours and textures as well as soften the rough surface.

The galley kitchen has a more polished feel, as the wife uses it more often, but metal- and leather-lookalike laminates on a panel of



BATHROOM

(above)

Rounded fittings balance out the stony black tiles.

FUN IDEA

(left)

This light fixture 'tree' is perfect for the pair who loves outdoor sports like diving, skating and biking.



WALK-IN WARDROBE
Despite the dark hues used, open shelving and wire mesh doors keep the overall feel airy and less boxy while providing ample ventilation for the owners' belongings.

“The owners wanted unique furnishings so they went online to search for cool pieces like the park bench.”

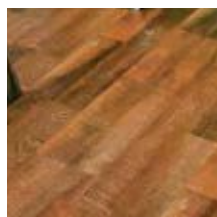
Kate Ng, designer

shelving keep the home's theme consistent.

Deep tones continue to work well in the more private spaces of the home, giving the bathroom, walk-in wardrobe and bedroom a cocooning sense of cosiness. The closet used to be a room on its own, but the owners merged it with the master suite, dividing the space with a cupboard.

Now that everything has been settled, it's hard to imagine a more suitable space for the couple. Like all of life's big issues, sharing your best ideas with others and keeping an open mind often leads to the most pleasant surprises.

MATERIALS



DINING AREA FLOOR
Natural hickory vinyl from Evorich Flooring



WARDROBE DOORS
Wire mesh



BRICK WALL
CraftStone from Hafary and cement screed

SPACES



LIVING ROOM

Creative touches wrap
around the room to
give it character.

SIMPLE *stylish living*

*This cosy abode is sprinkled with
lovely decor elements but doesn't go
overboard with the trimmings*

TEXT Yuen Yi Ying
PHOTOS The Scientist

HDB DBSS **4 ROOM FLAT** | **990** sqf | HOME TO  **YISHUN**

SPACES



Wicker Chair
from Bloomingville

ART DECOR (above)

The owners like comic-related items and chose these two vibrant pieces of art to make the hall more lively.

Some homes are beautiful, but they're not very practical. Others, like this one designed by Sia Sze Yik from The Scientist, strike a good balance by making sure the design components serve a purpose too.

Hidden behind the eye-catching wood-patterned wall in the hallway is generous storage for the owners' books, photo albums and other small items.

The overhead lights were uniquely laid out for a reason as well. The owners wanted a ceiling fan in the living room, but in order to avoid the awkward shadows cast on the wall by the blades, Sze Yik recommended running a trail of pipes through the whole living and dining area instead. The pipes would be able to hide the wiring, and having it flow through the whole space would help to visually elongate the layout.

Sze Yik chose LED bulbs over the living room as they emit more light and the area needed to





SPACES



DINING *(top, left)*

Patterned tiles demarcate the dining area from the living room and set the backdrop for a lovely meal.

STUDY *(top, right)*

There's plenty of cabinetry to stow away books and paperwork neatly.

be brighter. In the dining room, she used bulbs that could be dimmed so the couple could set the mood they want. Above the seating area, a lone lamp was also installed as the pair had wanted it for reading. When not used for that purpose, it can be directed to the paintings to act as a spotlight.

Along the walkway to the rooms, the piped lighting feature makes a reappearance. Here, it was made to look like an art piece and also serves to illuminate the space as there are no ceiling lights in this area. Turning into the entertainment room, the comparative bareness of the space seems to take a departure from the rest of the house. However, the owners wanted it that way for a more spacious and relaxing feel as they read books or played and listened to music.

Over in the study, the warm wood theme



continues with a more streamlined aesthetic. A strip of wine crates in the back were used to add an unconventional twist as they hold some of the couple's personal collectibles. A jaunty bar under the desk also adds a quirky element to the room and supports the table's weight without making it look bulky.

The master bedroom has a more rustic and vintage feel, highlighted by the Chesterfield headboard covered with warm brown leather. Pendant lights hang from both sides, but Sze Yik added a fun touch here when she used two different kinds to represent the husband and wife's side of the bed. His side uses caged lamps that have a more rugged, masculine edge, while her side employs rounded bulbs that have a softer, feminine feel. Though subtle, it's these thoughtful touches that give every space a story and make this house one that's fully suited for the owners' needs.



**MASTER
BEDROOM**

(left)

Vertical blinds let the pair adjust the amount of light coming in.

**LIGHTING
FEATURE**

(below)

Exposed bulbs maximise the light through the walkway.



MATERIALS



**FEATURE
WALL**
Wood-patterned
laminates from Admira



**DINING
AREA**
Patterned tiles
from Hafary



HEADBOARD
Brown leather

DESIRE TO INSPIRE

Tour a refreshing living space that's dedicated to aid the homeowners' creative pursuits



FACT FILE

SPACE 5-room HDB flat unit
SIZE 1,195 square feet
LOCATION Sengkang
HOME TO A newlywed couple
DESIGNER Jake Yeoh From Z L Construction and Independent Designer HL
RENO PERIOD Eight weeks

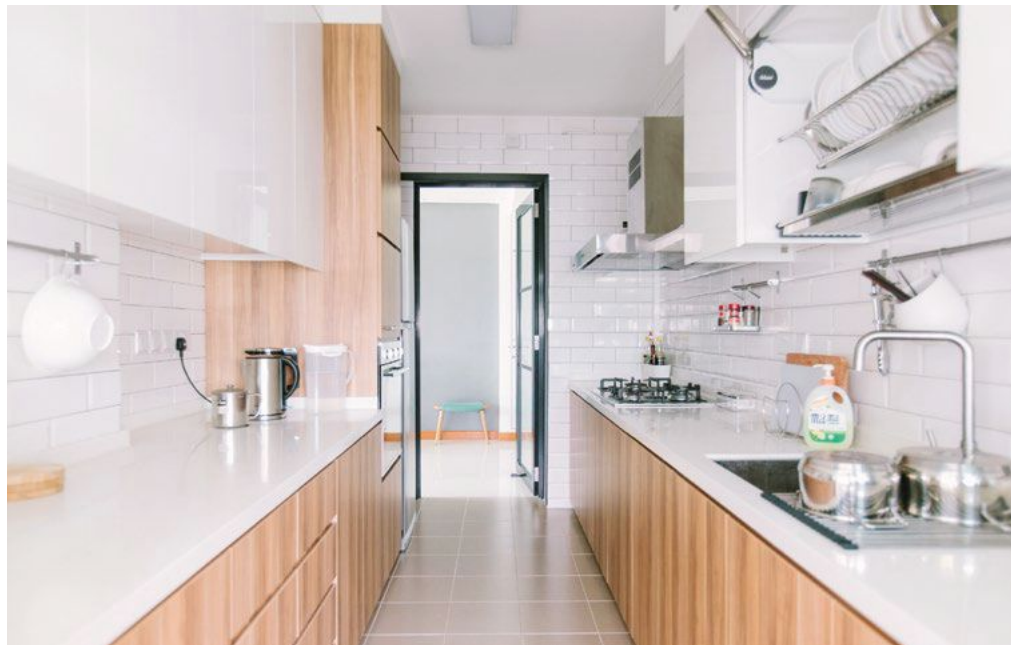
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< LIVING + DINING

The charm about Scandinavian design is how versatile it is, as displayed in this home dotted with industrial-chic elements, quirky decorative accents and framed artworks on a CraftStone feature wall that reflect the homeowners' personal stories. Whitewashed walls provide a fresh backdrop for the light wood furnishings.

> KITCHEN

This white-on-wood kitchen looks crisp and clean, with wood laminate cabinets pairing well with the solid surface countertops. An interesting detail is the white subway tiles with modern bevelled edges, adding dimension to the space.

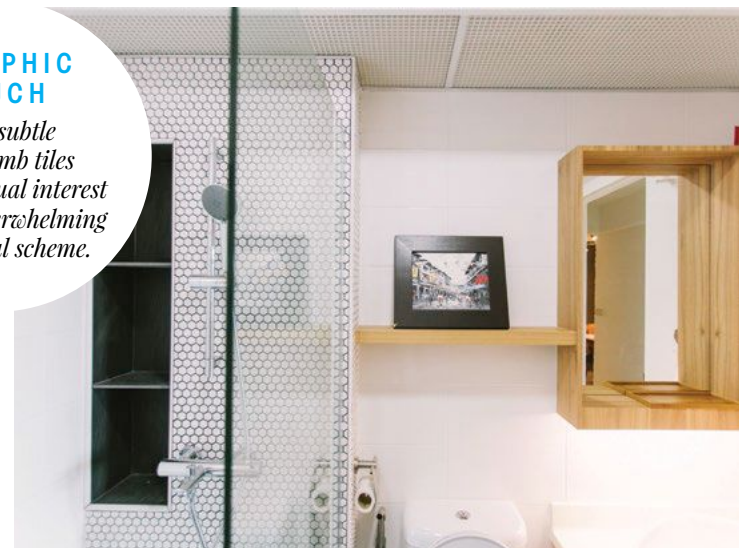


v BATHROOM

Undoubtedly, the highlight is the hex-shaped tiles in the shower area that interlock into a honeycomb pattern. A wooden vanity mirror offers storage for bathroom supplies, with an attached slab that extends out as a display shelf for adornments.

#GRAPHIC TOUCH

These subtle honeycomb tiles provide visual interest without overwhelming the neutral scheme.



^ STUDY AREA

As one of the homeowners is in the creative industry, they required a home that would inspire and encourage productivity. With that in mind, the team built a sectioned workspace in the living room. Black powder-coated aluminum frames were used to fence up the zone for privacy, with clear glass in place of solid walls to allow natural light to shine through. The team incorporated perfectly spaced out aluminium frames on the glass panels to complete the look.

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NEW WAVE

This apartment impresses with its futuristic play on mod accents



FACT FILE

SPACE 3-room condominium
SIZE 1,400 square feet
LOCATION Casa Merah
HOME TO 2 people
DESIGNER Astley Ng from Sky Creation
RENO PERIOD 8 weeks

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< DINING

The chic dining area steals the show with a dance floor-esque platform that lights up, as well as an assortment of downlights that flood the nook with brilliance. Full-height mirror panels reflect the setting, creating the illusion of infinite space.



#HIDDEN ASSETS

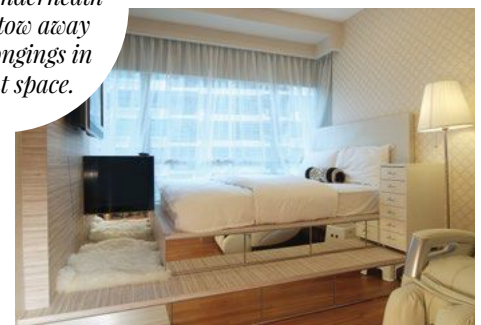
Drawers underneath the bed stow away their belongings in the tight space.

< LIVING

Deciding that there's more to conventional ceilings than crown molding below the ceiling line, Astley defined the living room with a stunning feature wall that stretches over the ceiling. Sleek ambience lights behind the curved wall accentuate the look even further.

> MASTER BEDROOM


This Japanese-inspired room balances its Zen and modern influences for a harmonious room that the homeowners can relax in. The bed sits on an elevated platform against a timber feature wall with protruding beams and concealed lighting.



^ BEDROOM

The other bedroom adopts the same concept, with a bed nestled atop a platform that has mirrored doors. Intricate wallpaper adds a delicate touch that complements the muted colour scheme. A fuzzy rug and TV at the foot of the bed provide a cosy zone for lounging on a lazy afternoon.

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FRENCH FLAIR

Old-world European charm meets Scandinavian influences in this urban family home

#BRIGHT IDEA

Dimmable LED lights not only change the mood of a space, but also save a considerable amount of energy as compared to regular bulbs.



FACT FILE

SPACE 3-room condominium unit
SIZE 1,450 square feet
LOCATION Keng Chin Road
HOME TO A family of four
DESIGNER Karen from The Orange Cube
RENO PERIOD Six weeks

Inspired and motivated to provide a complete package of services, The Orange Cube is equipped to take clients through design conception to building completion. As a result of this all-encompassing dedication, the company has amassed an impressive portfolio in both residential and commercial projects ever since its establishment 10 years ago. With their can-do attitude and enthusiasm in design and offering impeccable service, it's no wonder the company has gained a firm foothold in the interior design scene.

▼ LIVING + BALCONY

This sun-filled interior offers a charming mix of wood textures, from the veneer TV feature wall and console to the balcony decked out in chengal wood. The balcony serves as an alfresco dining area and an entertainment spot for guests.



▲ BROTHER'S BEDROOM

Decor was kept simple and sleek, with only a single piece of wall art above the bed to deliver a slight pop of colour. A built-in workstation provides the occupant a place to work from home.

< KITCHEN


Karen opted for a partially open-plan concept for the kitchen, with a bar counter near the living area so they can easily swivel around to face the TV screen. Pendant lamps suspended above illuminate the spot with an elegant glow.



< MASTER BEDROOM

This bachelorette boudoir achieves the luxe boutique hotel look with ambience lights, bespoke drapes and a gorgeous padded headboard—a brilliant juxtaposition next to the dark wood fixtures. Karen included extra storage space within the TV feature wall to free up space in the occupant's wardrobe. She then crafted a compact study table from black tinted glass, and added a bay window settee which can be used for relaxation.

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DOWN TO EARTH

Rough-hewn textures and retro-inspired elements give this apartment the homely feel we all desire



FACT FILE

SPACE 3-room HDB unit
SIZE 689 square feet
LOCATION Kim Keat Road
HOME TO A family of three
DESIGNER Jackson Heng from Rezt & Relax
RENO PERIOD Three months

Founded in 2001, Rezt & Relax is the brainchild of design partners Wilson Teh and John Foo. Their portfolio includes a wide spectrum of residential and commercial projects. The team at Rezt & Relax believes in offering creative design solutions and trend forecasts to help owners relax and unwind in the comfort of their homes.

< LIVING

Keeping the look classic with plenty of raw surfaces, Jackson decked the floor in non-porous vinyl and the cabinetry fixtures in wood laminate. Part of the living space was sacrificed to accommodate a new all-in-one space at the back. Thereafter, stacks of hollow blocks were used to seal up the area, which also double as display niches for ornaments.



> KITCHEN

Taking into account the space constraints, Jackson opted for an open-concept layout and repositioned the sink from the tiny bathroom to the kitchen instead. There's an abundant use of wood laminates, but the green backsplash breaks up the monotony. Interestingly, the backsplash reveals a cracked effect on closer look.



> BEDROOM

A stark white brick wall with a stucco application contrasts against the dark parquet flooring, adding depth to the space. Going strong with the rugged approach, the wardrobe is constructed with metal mesh to keep it ventilated while having everything in perfect view for the homeowners.



#OPEN VIEW

To prevent a room from looking too "bricked up" and void of natural light, add a black-framed window in-between the zones.



< MULTIPURPOSE AREA

Entering through the customised metal door reminiscent of the olden days, the space reveals a study-exercise-play area for the family. One unique feature is the back view of the hollow blocks in the living room, with the pieces pushed out to form protruding display stands for the homeowners' fragrance collection.

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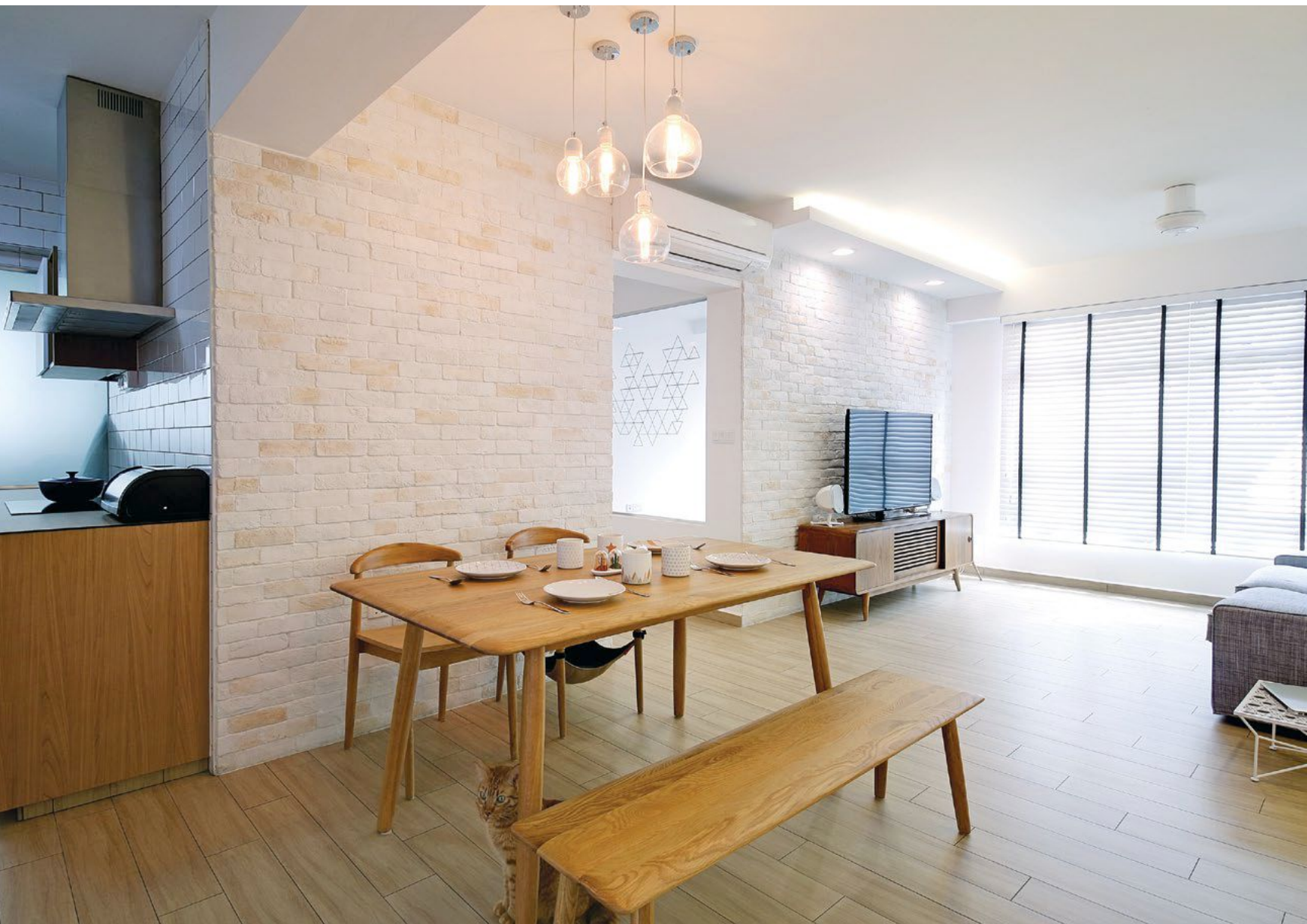
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CLEAN SLATE

This uncluttered space plays on the mix of different textures to add details to the house



FACT FILE

SPACE 4-room HDB flat
SIZE Approx. 950 square feet
LOCATION A newlywed couple
DESIGNER Renozone
RENO PERIOD Six weeks

The team of designers at Renozone pride themselves on creating long term relationships with their customers. One of the main reasons why they manage to cultivate such amiable ties is because the company takes pride in all the projects that they have completed. Renozone guarantees quality workmanship and services, making customer satisfaction their top priority.

< LIVING + DINING

Embodying the concept of simple living, this sparsely furnished abode sticks to a clean-cut palette and leaves the spotlight to a few key decor pieces. To prevent the interior from looking bland, the designer incorporated a variety of textures and patterns throughout the scheme. This is evident on the porcelain floorboards that mimic the look of timber as well as the cultured stone wall tiles with a coarse, sand-like surface.



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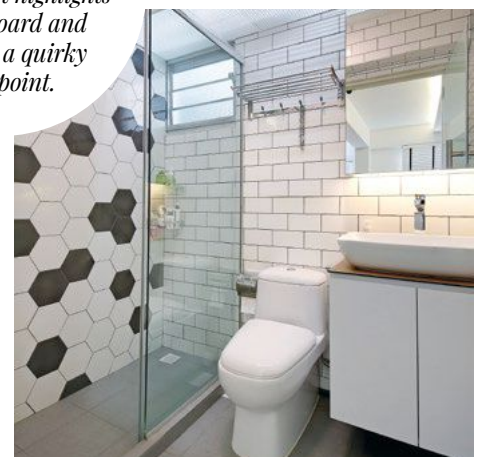
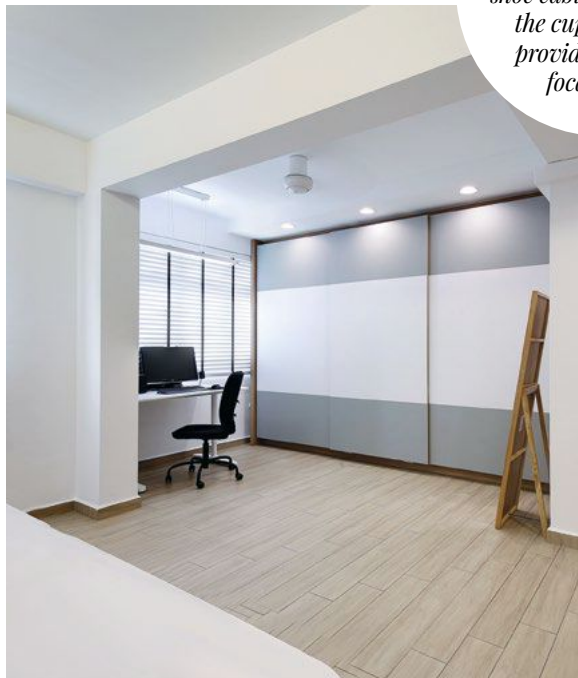
Placing a colourful artwork atop the white shoe cabinet highlights the cupboard and provides a quirky focal point.

^ KITCHEN

Instead of enclosing the kitchen completely, the space was kept airy with an open-plan concept. As the homeowners were not fond of the previous tiles, the designer overlaid the backsplash with classic white subway tiles and clad the countertops with wood finish laminate.

> MASTER BEDROOM

An existing wall between two rooms was knocked down to create a more spacious sleeping area. The newly-expanded space is now furnished with a full-height wardrobe, standing mirror and a humble desk.



^ BATHROOM

Similar subway tiles in the bathroom unite the space with the kitchen. A honeycomb motif wall in the shower adds geometric interest with its bold yet timeless appearance.

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COMFORT ZONE

A warm, wood-filled interior gives this home oodles of raw appeal



FACT FILE

- SPACE** 4-room HDB flat
- SIZE** 93 square metre
- LOCATION** Pasir Ris
- HOME TO** A newlywed couple
- DESIGNER** May Chang from Meter Square
- RENO PERIOD** Four weeks

With a diverse portfolio and highly experienced designers with more than 20 years of experience, Meter Square has all it takes to turn dream homes into reality. They aim to deliver properties that are functional as well. By understanding every client's needs, they wish to convert every owner into a house-proud individual. It's no wonder they have received many word-of-mouth referrals from satisfied clients.

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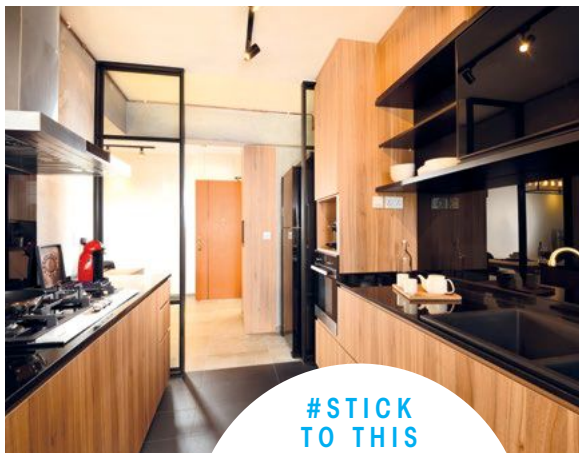
May paired a neutral palette with colour accents that pop up in the form of an aqua sofa, adorable cushions and a typographic beanbag. The result is an unassuming yet character-filled living space.

▼ DINING

This side of the house takes on a raw approach with large expanses of black and wood. A chalkboard wall sticker channels hipster chic in this cafe-inspired nook while an oak wood dining set anchors and imparts warmth to the space. Exposed lights within a glass box deliver a dash of retro-industrial aesthetic.

▼ KITCHEN

A black, aluminium-framed clear glass panel divider keeps the kitchen airy and open, all while containing cooking fumes within in the kitchen. The wood laminate cabinets are perfectly offset by the jet black granite countertops and tiles from Hafary.



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^ WARDROBE-CUM-STUDY

May designated more storage space for the homeowners by constructing a full-height wardrobe with a tinted black aluminum sliding door. An ergonomic study desk in front makes for a neat and tidy workspace.



^ MASTER BEDROOM

Here, May created a TV feature wall with display ledges for photo mementos. A built-in niche in a tall cabinet acts as a bedside table. Hanging caged lights give this bedroom a tinge of vintage flair.

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SIMPLE STYLE

This home is sleek and chic, but looks and feels cosy at the same time



FACT FILE

SPACE 3-room condominium unit
SIZE 980 square feet
LOCATION Woodlands Drive
HOME TO A family of three
DESIGNER Alvin Kang from Darwin Interior
RENO PERIOD Five weeks

Whether you're looking for a simple design update, or a complete home makeover, Darwin Interior has the expertise to meet your needs. Their designs are always "human-oriented", emphasising their innovative ways of catering creative designs to fit your lifestyle. From conceptualisation to conclusion, the Darwin Interior team believes that the customer is always the top priority.

< DINING

To visually elongate the area, Alvin placed a mirror beside the dining table and flanked it with two tinted mirrors at the top and bottom. LED lights were added at the sides to introduce a cosy atmosphere, while an overhead orbit chandelier conjures some space-age whimsy.

> LIVING

A palette of all-monochromatic furniture gives the living area a decidedly posh appeal, including the white laminate display unit that juxtaposes against the surrounding dark walls. Tiles are ditched in favour of wood-patterned wallpaper, which serves as a quick solution for switching up the look of a room.

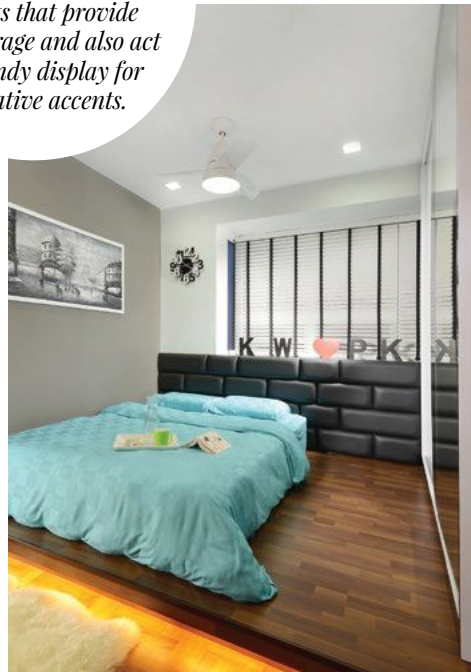
#SPACE INVADER

Instead of a typical bay window settee, go for cabinets that provide extra storage and also act as a handy display for decorative accents.



> MASTER BEDROOM

To accommodate the homeowners' penchant for Japanese-inspired interiors, Alvin reimagined the serene look of a tatami bedroom with a bright blue bed housed on a wooden platform and a long padded headboard with initials of the couple. Mirrored wardrobe panels expand the room and make it look brighter.



^ BEDROOM

Adhering to the son's requests for a bedroom that fulfils his gaming hobby, Alvin erected a built-in workstation along the wall which allows him ample space to play freely. A half-mirror, half-padded headboard makes a striking statement.

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THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

Blessed with a lofty ceiling, a sleek blend of polished surfaces draws eyes upwards in this two-storey penthouse unit



Headed by their experienced design director Kelvin Toon, HC Interior has gone headlong to brandish their signature knack for creating dynamic living spaces into a multitude of projects. Synonymous with the talent for creating extraordinary spaces, their priority is set on designing a home tailored to your lifestyle and to enhance everyday living. Armed with a BCA-certified Builder license, they also undertake construction, alteration and addition and rebuilding works for landed properties. With a workforce of over 50 skilled workers, rest assured that your project will be well taken care of.

FACT FILE

SPACE 3-bedroom penthouse unit

SIZE 3,000 square feet
including roof terrace

LOCATION Newton

DESIGNER Kelvin Toon from HC Interior

RENO PERIOD 3 months



#TRIPLE DUTY

Thanks to the generous worktop, the island serves as a multifunctional spot for dining, entertainment and work.

< LIVING

With extra-high windows that extend all the way to the ceiling, Kelvin had a lot of empty space to work with. Taking advantage of the elevated height, glossy surfaces on the dark laminate TV console and wall-mounted shelf further accentuate the vertical scale, making the house look larger than it is.

v GUESTROOM

The first-floor bedroom was converted into a hotel-worthy guestroom, whereas the attached powder room became a spa-like bath suite. Now laid with copper wall tiles, the bathroom exudes an understated opulent appeal that matches the sleeping quarter.

^ KITCHEN

A full-height cabinet divides the kitchen into two separate dry and wet zones. Despite the demarcation, Kelvin made sure the design uniformity still followed throughout. Most of the cabinetry is grounded in dark hues, with the only standout being the white marble island counter in the dry kitchen.



^ MASTER BATHROOM

On the second level, a spacious master bedroom is bathed in jet black. An airy bathroom resides within, in a space that was previously part of the roof terrace. Full-height mirrors here provide a visual boost in size, while louvered shutters give off a resort-inspired vibe.

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FACT FILE

SPACE 5-room HDB flat unit
SIZE 1,300 square feet
LOCATION Pending Road
HOME TO Family of four
DESIGNER Aclester Lim from Hue Concept
RENO PERIOD Two months

Turning dream homes into reality, Hue Concept is all about delivering a midas touch of design flair to abodes. Elevating style to another level, they also endeavor to create homes of functionality to better the lives of those living in it. So, if you're looking for style and substance, you can entrust your living space to the good hands of Hue Concept.

< LIVING

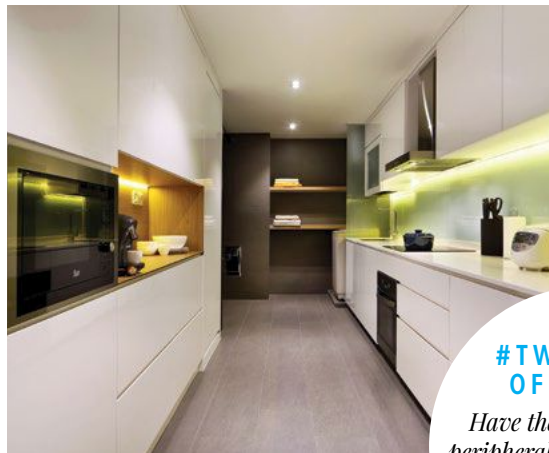
Well-appointed furniture and an abundance of wood cladding makes an impressive impact in this indulgent living space. Aclester also gave the walls a faux stucco effect for a dash of industrial flavour. An elevated platform functions as the entertainment area for the family to engage in recreational games.

v DINING

What truly steals the show in the dining area is the heavily-textured wall anchored by a continuous wooden handle. Spotlights along the wall cast a gallery-like glow, while doors leading to the sleeping quarters are cleverly concealed behind the feature wall for a seamless look.

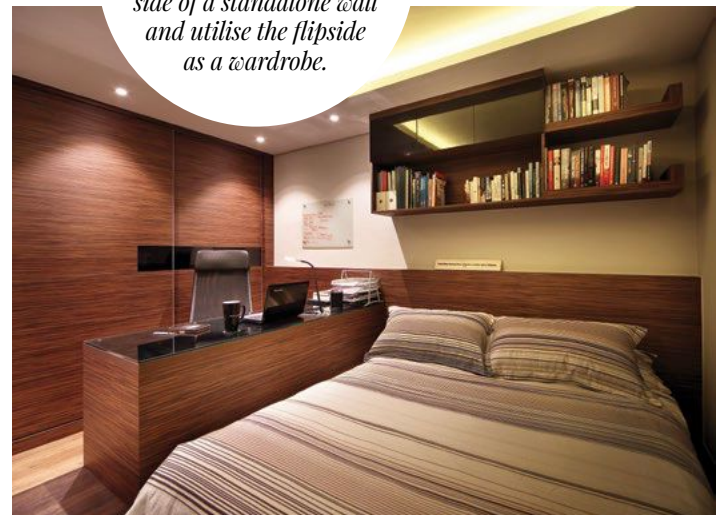
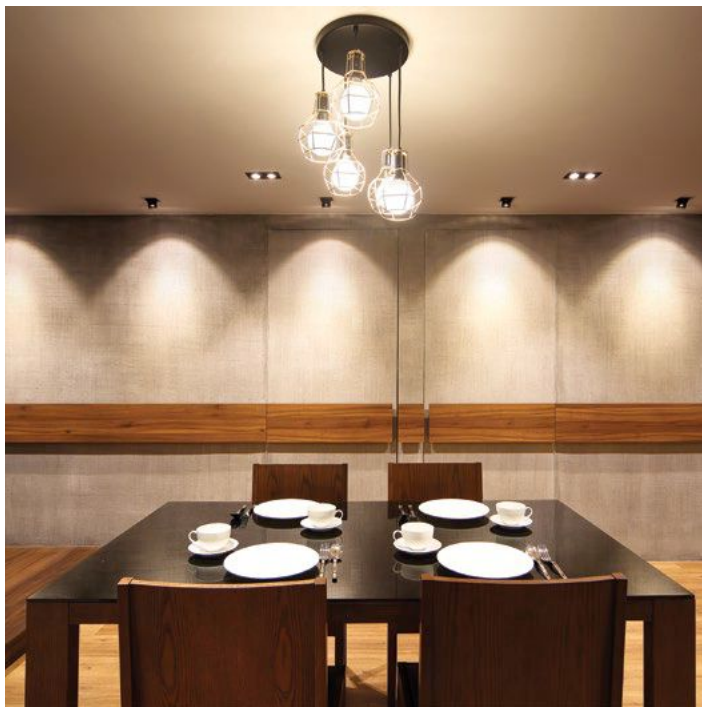
v KITCHEN

White laminated cabinets coupled with Caesarstone countertops look pristine in the kitchen. A wooden in-built shelving in the left section distinguishes it from the main cooking area, but there's more than meets the eye — it actually hides the bomb shelter and bathroom away from view.



#TWO SIDES OF A COIN

Have the entertainment peripherals mounted on one side of a standalone wall and utilise the flipside as a wardrobe.



^ BEDROOM

Aclester worked around the space restrictions by integrating the workstation, wardrobe and headboard together. He then maximised storage options with display shelves above the bed to store books and hidden compartments within the platform.

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DRAB TO FAB

A much-needed remodel transformed this lacklustre unit to a modern chic pad

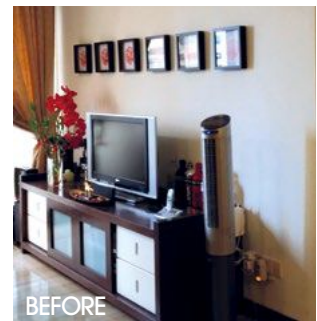


AFTER

FACT FILE

SPACE 5-room condominium unit
SIZE 1,163 square feet
LOCATION Heritage View
HOME TO A family of four
DESIGNER Mandy Lee from Dream Vision
RENO PERIOD One month

With years of experience and expertise in the local and international market, you can be sure that your home is in good hands. Dream Vision's guiding design principle, which is to understand their client's needs and priorities before design conceptualisation, has served them well in offering top notch services. By striving for higher goals, they hope to provide fine workmanship, good designs and maintain the strong rapport they have with their clients.



BEFORE

< LIVING

Once dark and dingy without any focal point, the living area is now enlivened with a feature wall covered in high-gloss acrylic panels that complements the marble flooring. Recessed display niches were carved on the opposite wall to showcase the homeowners' collection of figurines. Lights fitted under the alcoves create a gallery-like effect.



#MIRROR MIRROR

Tinted mirrors have a gorgeous, subtle sheen if you're not keen on having the full reflective effect of a mirror.

^ KITCHEN

Tinted mirrors were once again used as wall coverings for the kitchen entrance, complete with glass doors to provide a sense of airiness. High-gloss acrylic cabinets combined with quartz countertops add extra shine to the polished interiors.

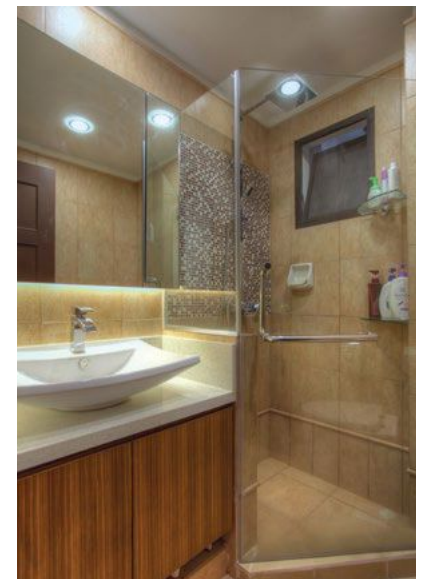


< FOYER

A shoe cabinet with tinted mirror doors blends in seamlessly with its unobtrusive design. Shelves at the bottom keep shoes that the homeowners often wear within easy reach, and a bench by the side lets them comfortably slip on their footwear before heading out.

v BATHROOM

Instead of having accent tiles running through the entire shower area, Mandy kept it looking clean by laying mosaic only around the shower fittings, leaving the rest of the bathroom simple with neutral homogenous tiles.



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BRIGHT AND LIGHT

This love nest shows how a minimal palette can ooze maximum style



FACT FILE

SPACE 3-room condominium unit
SIZE 1,200 square feet
LOCATION Punggol
HOME TO A newlywed couple
DESIGNER Brim Design
RENO PERIOD Two months

With their creative know-how, the designers at Brim Design have natural flair for practical, everyday ideas and a keen eye for design trends. This boutique interior firm caters to residential and commercial projects of all kinds to suit most budgets. Brim Design attributes their success in the creative field to their skills in building and nurturing meaningful and lasting relationships with customers.

< LIVING

Crisp lines and muted tones set the stage for this fuss-free living space, but despite the lack of colour, the design is far from sterile. A stretch of cabinets span the room, which combines the shoe cabinet, storage units and display cases into one cabinetry fixture. This is to free up floor space so the hallway doesn't look constricted. A splash of turquoise adds brightness to the otherwise plain interior.

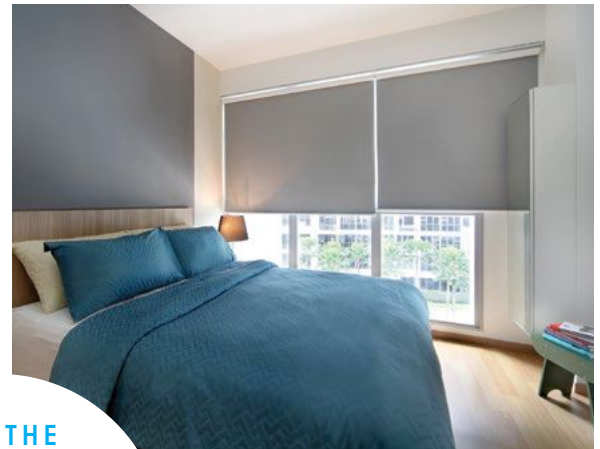


< DINING

To further expand the narrow hallway, a full-height mirror is placed beside the dining table. Caged pendant lights anchor the area with an industrial bare bones look.

√ MASTER BEDROOM

A coat of light grey on the wall serves as a flexible background for furnishings. A mirrored cabinet saves space in the wardrobe and comes in handy for the homeowners to assess their appearance while dressing up.



#IN THE DETAILS

In the living room, a strip of dark grey above the floor creates a floating effect with the storage units and gives the appearance of weightlessness.

^ STUDY AREA

This tiny room opens up to a functional home office that overlooks the hustle and bustle below. To keep the space uncluttered, the designers went for cabinets of a smaller size and optimised storage options with a standalone bookshelf.



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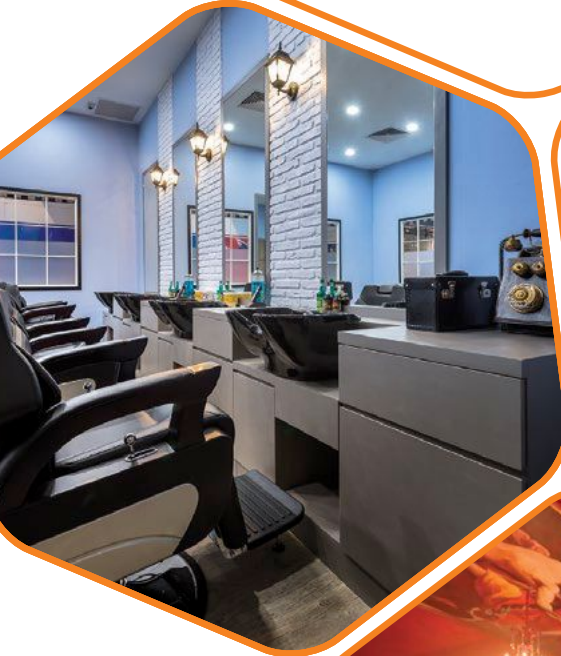
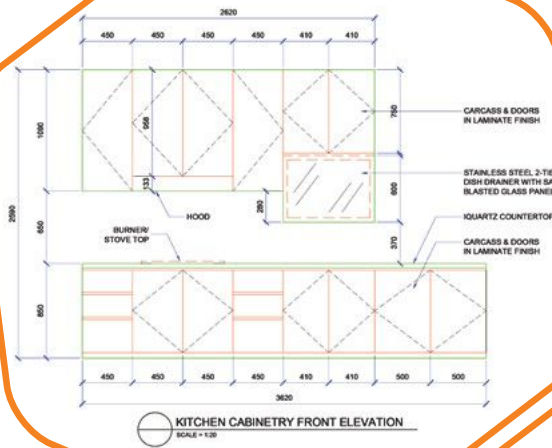
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